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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

The charge for notifying a Domestic Occurrence is One Rupee.

BIRTHS.

MARTIN.—At Mercara, on the 29th November, the wife of Mr. or C. M. Martin, of a son.

WHITE.—At Trivandrum, on the 14th November, the wife of F. S. White, Esq., of a son.

DEATH.

RIGGS.—At Bangalore, on the 23rd November, Sophia Jane the beloved wife of Mr. C. J. Riggs, (Chemist and Druggist,) aged 37 years, and 18 days.

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch a steamer with mails passengers and cargo to Kurrachee twelve hours after arrival of the P. and O. Company's Mail steamers from Suez.

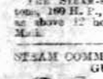
DATES OF DEPARTURE.

From Bombay usually about..... 11th and 25th
„ Kurrachee on..... 10th and 25th

THE STEAM-SHIP GOVERNOR HIGGINSON, 850 tons, 160 H. P., Brooks, Commander, will be despatched above 12 hours after arrival of the next Overland Mail.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, despatch a steamer from Bombay to the Persian Gulf every six weeks as follows, touching at Kurrachee, Guadel, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Bushire, and Busrah.

Leaves Bombay	28th Dec.	Returns 28th January.
„ „	10th Feb.	„ 13th March.
„ „	25th March.	„ 28th April.
„ „	10th May.	„ 12th June.
„ „	23rd June.	„ 28th July.
„ „	9th August.	„ 12th Sept.
„ „	25th Sept.	„ 28th October.
„ „	10th Nov.	„ 12th Dec.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch steamers the above twice a Month with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, on the following dates :—

Leave Bombay		1 & 15	Leave Calcutta		1 & 15
Cannanore	2	16	Bombay	6	18
Calicut	3	17	Tuticorin	7	19
Cochin	4	18	Cannanore	9	21
Colombo	5	19	Calicut	10	22
Tuticorin	6	20	Cochin	11	23
Madras	8	22	Colombo	13	25
Negapatam	9	23	Madras	15	27
Pondicherry	10	24	Negapatam	16	28
Calcutta	12	26	Pondicherry	17	29
Vizagapatam	13	27	Vizagapatam	18	30
Coconada	14	28	Coconada	19	31
Masulipatam	15	29	Masulipatam	20	1
Madras	17	31	Madras	22	3
Negapatam	18	1	Negapatam	23	4
Pondicherry	19	2	Pondicherry	24	5
Cuddalore	20	3	Cuddalore	25	6
Porto Novo	21	4	Porto Novo	26	7
Tranquebar	22	5	Tranquebar	27	8
Negapatam	23	6	Negapatam	28	9
Karikal	24	7	Karikal	29	10
Pamben	25	8	Pamben	30	11
Tuticorin	26	9	Tuticorin	31	12
Colombo	28	11	Colombo	2	14
Trincomalee	29	12	Trincomalee	3	15
Arrive Madras	30	13	Arrive Madras	4	16

* Morning. † Evening.

The Company cannot guarantee that the Steamers will always leave the intermediate Ports on the above dates, but every effort will be made to ensure their doing so.

Passengers of the Steamer for ARABIA for the Persian Gulf will, at a moment's notice, be transferred to the Steamer for Bombay, to facilitate the embarkment of troops to Beypore.

The Steamer Ship PENANG, 850 tons, 160 H. P., Captain MACKINLAY, will be despatched as above at noon on 15th proximo, calling also at Colombo.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOMBAY AND COCHIN.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COCHIN AND BOMBAY.

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited) will run their steamers from Bombay to Cochin touching at Calicut, Tellicherry, Cannanore, Mangalore, Coompta, Carwar, Goa, and Bombay Arr. as follows, and from the MALABAR COAST, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days :—

Down Steamers.			Up Steamers.		
Bombay	Dep. Saturday.		Cochin	Dep. Saturday.	
Goa	Dep. Saturday.	10	Beypore	Sunday.	1
Vingorla	Saturday	1	Calicut	Sunday.	2
Ratnagherry	Sunday	2	Tellicherry	Monday.	3
Vijaydroog	Sunday	3	Cannanore	Monday.	4
Bombay Arr.	Monday.	4	Mangalore	Tuesday.	5
			Coompta	Wednesday.	6
			Carwar	Wednesday.	7
			Vingorla	Thursday.	8
			Bombay Arr.	Thursday.	9

FULCHER, COOPER & Co., Managers.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOMBAY, UNJUNWELL, VINGOLA, AND GOA.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN Goa, Vingorla, Ratnagherry, Unjunwell, and Bombay.

THE Company will also despatch a Steamer to and from Goa ONCE A WEEK, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days :—

Down Steamers.			Up Steamers.		
	P.M.				A.M. P.M.
Dep. Wednesday	5		Goa	Dep. Saturday	10
„ Thursday	10		Vingorla	Saturday	1
Ratnagherry	2		Ratnagherry	Sunday	7 2
Vijaydroog	8		Unjunwell	Sunday	2
Bombay Arr.	Friday	2	Bombay Arr.	Monday	3

The Company cannot engage to and from Malabareshwur can be taken up at Bancote by this Steamer.

STEAM FROM BOMBAY TO VERAWUL, PORE-BUNDER, DWARKA AND MANDVEE EVERY TUESDAY.

THE Company will despatch a Steamer TO AND FROM MANGROL, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days, each week, weather permitting :—

Bombay	Tuesday	Leave	1-0 P. M.
Mangrol	Wednesday	Leave	3-0 P. M.
Porebunder	Wednesday	Leave	Midnight
Dwarka	Thursday	Leave	9-0 A. M.
Mandvee	Thursday	Leave	4-0 P. M.

Return to BOMBAY from MANDVEE and intermediate Ports, every week, on the days and at the hours given below :—

Mandvee	Friday	Leave	6-0 P. M.
Dwarka	Friday	Leave	10-0 P. M.
Porebunder	Saturday	Leave	6-0 A. M.
Mangrol	Saturday	Leave	2-0 P. M.
Bombay	Sunday	Arrive	2-0 P. M.

The first Steamer will leave Bombay for Mandavee on Tuesday, the 4th December 1864, and will return from Mandavee on Friday, the 9th December 1864.

For Passage, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to the undersigned.

FULCHER, COOPER & Co., Managers.

No. 7, Rampart Row, 30th November 1864.

STEAM TO SURAT.

THE new and fast sailing Screw Steamer TAPTEE, THOS. ELLIS, Commander, (recently arrived from England,) has very superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, and will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant.

For Freight of Goods, Specie, and Passengers, apply to the Manager, opposite to Kavakhana's Lane, Bazar Gate Street, Fort.

Bombay, 30th November 1864.

FOR LONDON.

MESSRS. GREEN'S Passenger Ship AGAMEMNON, 1431 Tons, Porter, N. MASONS, Commander, favourably known on the Calcutta line, has excellent accommodation for families, and carries a Surgeon. For further particulars apply to

Bombay, 17th September 1864. WALLACE & Co.

WESTERN INDIA SHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).

PASSAGE FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Positively expected to sail early next Month).

THE fine A 1 fast Clipper-Sailing Ship LONGWOOD, 1260 Tons, Captain PETERSON, has excellent accommodation for one or two Families or a limited number of Passengers. For Passage-Money, &c., apply to Captain PETERSON, on board, or to

VOLKART BROTHERS, Managers and Treasurers.

Bombay, 12 Medow Street, 22nd November 1864.

FOR SALE.—The splendid Iron Ship Jessica, 722 4/5 tons register, and 686 62 tons O.M., built under special survey in 1862 at Middlesboro' by the well known Builders, Richardson, Duck & Co., and classed A 1 at Lloyd's for 12 years, and for 20 years in the Liverpool underwriters' Book, carries 1201 tons weight and measurement, is in first class order, and well found in Provisions and Stores, and is now discharging her Cargo of fine Goods in splendid condition, is fitted with Captain Shaw's patent Reefing Topsails, patent Capstan and Steering Gear, two Deck Winches and Poop Capstan. For Inventory and further particulars apply to Captain PORTER, on Board, or to

COUPLAND & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE.—The Steamer MAZAGON, 86 tons, and 45 Horse Power. For particulars apply to T. BLACK, Superintendent.

P. and O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Bombay, 29th Nov. 1864.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Goods per *Windsor Castle*, PRYCE, Master, from London, are requested to send off Boats for their Cargo without delay, otherwise the Goods will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand, at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain W. BROUGHTON PRYCE will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.,
Agents for Captain PRYCE.

Bombay, 16th November 1864.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Goods per *Goshawk*, from Calcutta, are hereby requested to send off Boats to take delivery as their Goods come to hand, failing which, they will be landed at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain ROBINSON will not be responsible for the condition of any Goods after they have left the Ship's side.

DADABHOY KUTTONJEE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 16th November 1864.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per ship *Hahnemann*, Captain D. T. PHILLIPS, from Liverpool, are hereby called upon to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, failing which, the same will be landed, without further notice, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

M. & B. CURSETJEE CAMA & Co.,
Agents ship *Hahnemann*.

Bombay, 21st November 1864.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship *Merwanjee Framjee*, arrived from Liverpool, are hereby called upon to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, failing which, the same will be landed, without further notice, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

COMBER SON & Co.,
Agents ship *Merwanjee Framjee*.

Bombay, 2nd December 1864.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per *Bella Maria*, from Calcutta, are hereby requested to send off Boats to take delivery as their goods come to hand, failing which, they will be landed at the expense and risk of concerned.

Captain IRVINE will not be responsible for the condition of any Goods after they have left the Ship's deck.

JAMES W. WRIGHT & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 17th November 1864.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—Dividends on the Shares of the Poona Grand Stand for the year 1864 will be paid on application to the undersigned.

H. COKE, Manager,
Bombay Joint Stock Corporation (Limited).

Bombay, 2nd December 1864.

THORNHILL & Co., WATCHMAKERS, are constantly receiving their Stock of Gold and Silver Watches by McCabe, Thornhill, Jones, and other eminent makers. Gold and Silver Geneivas, also English and Foreign Clocks, in great variety.

Medow Street, Bombay. Established 1850.

NOTICE.—TO OWNERS AND COMMANDERS OF VESSELS AND OTHERS.—The Viegas Patent Slip and Foundry Company (Limited), at Mazagon, being now in full working operation, Orders will be received for every description of Ship-work, Caulking, Coppering, Making Boats, Masts and Yards, &c., Smith-work and Castings of every description, on moderate terms. For any further information apply to Mr. DUGGAN, on the Premises, or to SORABJEE FROMMURJEE, Secretary, at No 23, Apollo Street.

BONA-FIDE MONEY DISTRIBUTION.—THE NEW GRAND AUSTRIAN PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND THE FRANKFORT LOTTERY COMBINED.

Capital, 131,297,100 *Florins*.

Four Drawings annually, viz :—2nd of January, 1st of April, 1st of July, and 1st of October. The next Drawing will take place on the 1st of April, 1865,

When Prizes of £20,000, £10,000, £500, &c., down to £12 Sterling, may be gained.

The Price of One Share is Two Pounds Sterling :

Six Shares for	... ...	...	£10 Thirty-four for £50
Thirteen for	... ...	...	£20 Seventy for ... £100

Remittances (Cheques, Bills on London, or Rupee Notes) and application to be made to

H. R. GOEBEL & Co.,
Bankers and Chief Agents, Frankfort on the Maine.

N.B.—Letters addressed to the care of Messrs. GOEBEL & Co., 85, Gresham, London, will be duly attended to. Orders received too late will be secured for the next Quarterly Drawing.

Forms of Application to be had at this office.

NOTICE.—There will be sold by Public Auction at Allepey on SATURDAY the 17th December 1864 (5th Kartiga 1040), 1000 Logs more or less of Teak Timber, 200 Candies more or less of Ivory, 15 do. do. Sticklac, and Tenasserim Stripes and Treasurers.

1. The Sale will commence at 10 A. M. and be continued from day to day until completed.

2. The Timber will be sold on the spot for sale in lots of 20 Logs each without distinction as to class at an upset price of 15 Rupees per Candy, and will be knocked down to the highest bidder above the upset price.

3. Purchasers will be required to pay on the day of Sale a deposit equal to one-fourth of the amounts of their respective purchases and the remainder on removal of the Timber.

4. Payments to be made in Government Rupees or in Chinchrums at the rate of 28½ to the Rupee.

5. Parties not finding it convenient either to attend the sale at Allepey or to appoint Agents to represent them on the occasion are at liberty to forward written Tenders specifying in specific terms the prices they may be willing to pay, which Tenders will be opened only at the time of Sale, and such parties shall in the same Tender authorize the Sirkar's Commercial Agent at Allepey to draw upon them for the amount of Deposit on their respective purchases in the event of their offers as bid being accepted. The Tenders should be addressed to the Commercial Agent at Allepey and be superscribed "Auction Tender for Teak Timber."

6. The lots to be at the risk of the purchasers from the time they are knocked down to them.

7. The whole of the Timber to be cleared away by the 17th March 1865, in default of which the purchasers will forfeit the amount of deposits and be responsible for such loss as may be incurred on resale of the Timber, and further shall not be entitled to any advantage that may arise therefrom.

8. The Timber will be sold by the candy of one Cubic Kole, the Kole being equal to 24 Angoolams or 28¾ English Inches. The contents of each log will be determined by its actual dimensions with 15 per cent. allowance for defects.

HUGH CRAWFORD,
Commercial Agent to the Travancore Government.

Commercial Office, Allepey, 16th Nov. 1864.

BOMBAY BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

THE above named Railway will be opened throughout from Bombay to Ahmedabad for Passenger Traffic on and after MONDAY the 28th instant, and Trains will run as follow :—

Miles.	DOWN TRAIN TO AHMEDABAD. Stations.	Time. A. M.	Miles.	UP TRAIN TO BOMBAY. Stations.	Time. A. M.
	Grant Road Dep	7 0		Ahmedabad Dep	7 0
5½	Mahim ..... „	7 20	108	Barajree ..... „	7 35
6½	Bandora ..... „	7 28	174	Mehmoodabad „	8 3
29½	Bassein Road. „	8 52	28	Neriad ..... „	8 45
5	Palghur ..... „	9 0	9¼	Anund ..... „	9 54
61	Bysur ..... „	10 33	49½	Wassad..... „	9 56
74½	Dhanoo Road „	11 23	61½	Baroda ..... „	10 36
		P. M.	73½	Etola..... „	11 34
93½	Sunjan..... „	12 15	86½	Mealgaum .. „	12 9
104½	DamaunRoad „	1 10			P. M.
114½	Pardee ..... „	1 47	99	Paliej ..... „	12 27
120½	Bulsar ..... „	2 20	98½	Chumargaum.. „	12 59
125½	Doongree..... „	2 44	106½	Broach ..... „	1 28
135	Belesemora ... „	3 12		Nerbudda	
135½	Umulsar ..... „	3 28		Ferry ..... „	2 58
144½	Nowsaree ..... „	4 5	111½	Umlesar ..... „	3 18
154½	Sunkeen ..... „	4 44	118	Pandee..... „	3 40
163½	Surat .....Arr	5 10	127	Kosm ..... „	4 31
			134	Sion ..... „	4 51
		A. M.	140½	Amrolee ..... „	4 52
	Surat .....Dep	7 0	142½	Surat.....Arr	5 0
163½	Amrolee ..... „	7 15			
172	Sion ..... „	7 34			A. M.
179	Kosm ..... „	7 57		Surat ..... Dep	7 20
188	Panolee ..... „	8 25	151½	Sucheen ..... „	7 54
194½	Umlesar ..... „	8 47	161½	Nowsaree..... „	8 35
	Nerbudda		170½	Umulsar ..... „	9 7
	Ferry ..... „	9	247½	Belesemora..... „	9 23
199½	Broach ..... „	10 42	190½	Doongree..... „	9 50
207½	Chumargaum .. „	11 11	185½	Bulsar ..... „	10 20
216	Paliej ..... „	11 38	191½	Pardee ..... „	10 48
		P. M.	201½	Damaun Road .. „	11 39
225½	Mealgaum ... „	12 3			P. M.
232½	Etola ..... „	12 36	215½	Sunjan ..... „	12 20
241½	Baroda ..... „	1 22	234½	Dhanoo ..... „	1 17
256½	Wassad ..... „	2	9345	Bysur ..... „	2 2
265½	Annund ..... „	2	41253	Palghur ..... „	2 28
278	Neriad..... „	3	25276	Bassein Road. „	3 43
288½	Mehmoodabad „	4	29250	Bandora..... „	4 58
296½	Barajree ..... „	4	303001	Mahim..... „	5 13
306	Ahmedabad Arr	5	0306	Grant Road...Arr	5 30

N. B.—It will be observed that the Trains leaving Bombay and Ahmedabad will only run on that day as far as Surat. Passengers whose journey takes them beyond Surat will be able to proceed on the following morning as shown in the Time Tables. Outstanding Tickets issued at either side of Surat, for Stations beyond it will be available for use until the evening of the day following that of issue. There is a Refreshment room and a good Traveller's Bungalow at Surat.

NERBUDDA FERRY.

BOATS.—Passengers will be conveyed across the Nerbudda at the following rates :—

1st Class.....	Six annas each (0 6 0)
2nd Class.....	Three annas each (0 3 0)
¾ 4 Class.....	One anna each (0 1 0)

PALKEES OR SHIGRAMS.—These will be provided at each side of the Ferry for the use of passengers travelling with First and Second Class tickets at an extra charge of 2 Rupees per passenger.

NOTE.—Parties desirous of availing themselves of the above means of conveyance will have to provide themselves at the Stations where they take their passage with "Ferry Bont" "and Palkee or Shigram Tickets" as no cash payments will be received at either side of the river.

HORSES will be conveyed across the river at an additional charge of two Rupees per Horse.

CARRIAGES.—Each four-wheeled vehicle will be conveyed at an additional charge of 3 Rupees, each two-wheeled vehicle at two Rupees, and each Palanquin at one Rupee.

DOGS will be conveyed at a charge of four annas each.

LUGGAGE.— Do. do. of 4 annas per Maund.

PARCELS.—Under 5 Seers, Rs. 0 2 0; above 5 and under 14 Seers, Rs. 0 4 0; above 14 and under 27 Seers, Rs. 0 6 0; above 27 Seers and under a Maund, Rs. 0 8 0; for parcels above a Maund, Rs. 0 6 0 per Maund.

For further particulars and Regulations see Time Tables posted at all Stations.

By order,
J. B. HAYES, Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 26th November 1864.

NOTICES.

DEPOSITS received by the Financial Association of India and China (Limited) for
4 months' certain at 5 per cent.
6 „ „ at 7 „
12 „ „ at 8 „

When Money is deposited for a period of twelve months or more, the Interest will be payable at the option of the Depositor half-yearly.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Messrs. LINDLEY and WARREN take Portraits daily at their Studio, 26, Apollo Street.

I HAVE this day established myself as Merchant and General Agent. R. I. REUBEN.
Military Square, Bombay, 3rd November 1864.

TO CAPTAINS OF VESSELS AND THE PUBLIC.—For Ship Biscuits, Flour, Bread, Grinding of Corn, &c. apply at the Steam Bakery, Grant Road, near the Theatre.

NOTICE.—MR. ARCHIBALD WILLIAM CAMPBELL is authorised to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

STEVENS BROTHERS & Co.

Bombay, 21st November 1864.

THE following Passages are required :—
FROM BOMBAY TO THE ANDAMANS.
For (35) thirty-five Native Convicts.
FROM BOMBAY TO SINGAPORE.
For (11) eleven time-expired Convicts.
By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEO. INGLE, Secretary.
Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 24th Nov. 1864.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—NOTICE.—The Adjourned General Meeting of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P. M., to dispose of the following business :—

1. Railway Traffic Questions.
2. Mail Arrangements.
3. Proposal by a Member, that standard Samples of Cotton be kept at the Office of the Chamber for reference.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.
Chamber of Commerce, 3rd Dec. 1864.

WITH reference to an Advertisement in the newspapers of the 12th September, Mr. BEST having returned to Bombay, begs that all claims against the late Firm of Messrs. BEST and GRANT, may be sent to his Office, within seven days from date.

Rampart Row, 1st December 1864.

The undersigned from this day will carry on business as Exchange, Freight, and Produce Brokers, under the style and title of BEST and BROWN.

WILLIAM JAMES BEST.
FORBES L. BROWN.

Rampart Row, 12th Sept. 1864.

EAST INDIA BANK.—Notice is hereby given, that a Third Call of Rs. 100 per Share has this day been made, and that the same will be payable at the Offices of the Bank on the 21st October, after which date interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged on all Calls unpaid.

By order of the Board,
W. C. CURRIE, Acting Manager.

Bombay, 27th September 1864.

THE BOMBAY CITY BANK (LIMITED).—FORFEITURE OF SHARES.—Notice is hereby given, that all Shares in the above Bank upon which the Second Call with arrearel interest may not have been paid at the Offices of the Bank, No. 2, Church Gate Street, on or before SATURDAY, the 8th November 1864, will be absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Bank in conformity with Act XIX. of 1857 of the Legislative Council of India, and with the Articles of Association of the Bank.

By order of the Board of Directors,
T. R. R. DAVISON, Manager.

21st October 1864.

THE BOMBAY CITY BANK (LIMITED).—THIRD CALL.—Notice is hereby given, that a Third Call of Two Hundred Rupees (Rs. 1000) per Share is payable at the Offices of the Bank, No. 2, Church Gate Street, on or before the 31st instant, after which date Interest will be charged on all unpaid Calls at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

By order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID MCCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 1st December 1864.

NOTICE.—KURRACHEE PRESS COMPANY (LIMITED).—Share Certificates for the above Company being now ready for issue, it is requested that receipts for Calls be returned to the undersigned who will grant Certificates in exchange for the same.

ELPHINSTONE, Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 21st November 1864.

INDIAN PENINSULA, LONDON BANK (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given, that the Third and Final Call of Rs. 50 per Share is payable at the Offices of the above Bank on or before MONDAY, the 21st November, current, after which date Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged on all unpaid Calls.

D. A. TRAILL CHRISTIE, Officiating Manager.

Bombay, 2nd November 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, for the information of the public, that the undersigned are prepared for handling, shipping and forwarding Engines, Boilers, and every description of Machinery; also General Merchandize to the Ports in Guzerat and elsewhere.

References can be given and every information obtained from

BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE,
AND
DINSHAW SHAPOORJEE,
Landing and Forwarding Contractors and Boat Brokers,
Boree Bunder.

Bombay, Boree Bunder, 7th November 1864.

EASTERN FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given, that the General Meeting of the Shareholders advertised to be held on TUESDAY, the 29th day of November, is post-poned until a future day, which will be duly advertised.

For the Promoters.

ALLADINBHOY HABIBHOY,
Bombay, 25th November 1864.

A CARD.

MR. ADOLPH GABRIEL,
DENTIST.
9, Rampart Row, Fort, Bombay.
At Home, daily from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.
CONSULTATIONS GRATIS.

BANK OF INDIA.—Notice is hereby given, that the Third Call of Rs. 50 per share, on the Second Issue of Shares, is payable at the Bank's Office, on or before THURSDAY, the 8th day of December, proximo.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN GRAY, Manager.

Bombay, 17th November 1864.

FORT PRESS COMPANY (LIMITED).—An Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Secretaries' Office on TUESDAY the 6th December 1864, at 3 P. M., to consider the advisability of selling the Presses and other Machinery of the Company.

By order of the Directors,
EWART, LATHAM & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

THE EAST INDIAN TRADING AND BANKING COMPANY (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given to those Shareholders who have not yet paid the 2nd and 3rd Calls on their Shares in the above Company, that unless they pay in such overdue Calls at this office on or before the 7th December (proximo) their Shares will be absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Company, under the provisions of Act XIX. of 1857 of the Government of India.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. BRASKER, Manager.

29th November 1864.

THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY BANK (LIMITED).—In terms of this Bank's advertisement dated 25th November 1864, notice is hereby given, that all Shares on which the Second and Third Calls, with interest at 15 per cent. per annum, have not been paid this day, are absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Company, in accordance with Clauses XCI. and XCV. of the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT J. PRINGLE, Manager.

40, Medow Street, 30th November 1864.

NOTICE.—There will be sold by Public Auction and in four or five Lots at the Depot at Allepey, on the 17th (4th Kartiga 1040) 1300 Logs more or less of Teak Timber, 200 Candies more or less of Ivory, 15 do. do. Sticklac, and Tenasserim Stripes and Treasurers.

1. The Sale will commence at 10 A. M. and be continued from day to day until completed.

2. The Timber will be sold on the spot for sale in lots of 20 Logs each without distinction as to class at an upset price of 15 Rupees per Candy, and will be knocked down to the highest bidder above the upset price.

3. Purchasers will be required to pay on the day of Sale a deposit equal to one-fourth of the amounts of their respective purchases and the remainder on removal of the Timber.

4. Payments to be made in Government Rupees or in Chinchrums at the rate of 28¾ to the Rupee.

5. Parties not finding it convenient either to attend the sale at Allepey or to appoint Agents to represent them on the occasion are at liberty to forward written Tenders specifying in specific terms the prices they may be willing to pay, which Tenders will be opened only at the time of Sale, and such parties shall in the same Tender authorize the Sirkar's Commercial Agent at Allepey to draw upon them for the amount of Deposit on their respective purchases in the event of their offers as bid being accepted. The Tenders should be addressed to the Commercial Agent at Allepey and be superscribed "Auction Tender for Teak Timber."

6. The lots to be at the risk of the purchasers from the time they are knocked down to them.

7. The whole of the Timber to be cleared away by the 17th March 1865, in default of which the purchasers will forfeit the amount of deposits and be responsible for such loss as may be incurred on resale of the Timber, and further shall not be entitled to any advantage that may arise therefrom.

8. The Timber will be sold by the candy of one Cubic Kole, the Kole being equal to 24 Angoolams or 28¾ English Inches. The contents of each log will be determined by its actual dimensions with 15 per cent. allowance for defects.

HUGH CRAWFORD,
Commercial Agent to the Travancore Government.

Commercial Office, Allepey, 16th Nov. 1864.

NOTICE.—Tenders will be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Marine from persons willing to supply Ship Tonnage for the conveyance from Mangalore to Calcutta, of about thirty tons of Amandavie Coir, be the same more or less.

2nd.—The Tenders must specify the rate per ton of (4) four Candies or two Thousand two hundred and forty (2240) Pounds, and the time when the Vessel will be at Mangalore to receive the Coir.

3rd.—The Coir will be placed on board in bundles which must be preserved entire, and be delivered at Calcutta in like good order according to weight.

4th.—The Master of the Vessel, or authorized Agent for the Owner at Mangalore, will be required to see the Coir weighed and the bundles counted, and to sign the Bills of lading, or such other document connected with the lading of the articles as the principal Collector of Mangalore may require of him.

5th.—The freight will be paid in Calcutta on the completion of the delivery of the Coir in conformity with the terms of the Bill of lading.

6th.—The Superintendent of Marine reserves to himself the right of rejecting any Tender without assigning cause for so doing.

By order,
GEO. INGLE.
Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 9th August.

NOTICES.

BOMBAY CONTRACT AND BUILDING COMPANY (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL SIX LACS OF RUPEES WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

THE Company is prepared to enter into Contracts for Buildings, extensive Earthworks, and Reclamations, or any other work connected with the profession of Engineers or Contractors either for Government, Public Companies, or individuals.

Plans, Specifications and Estimates drawn out if required.

By Order,
A. CUMMING, Secretary.

WANTED by the Grand Finance Company (Limited) an experienced ACCOUNTANT; also a SHROFF. Apply to PESTONJEE DADABHOY, at Messrs. I. S. Moore & Co., Church Lane.

WANTED, a qualified person for the appointment of Surveyor to the Municipal Commissioners. Salary per mensem Rupees 1,200. Applications, which should enclose copies of testimonials, will be received by the undersigned up to the 9th December 1864.

By order,
J. N. C. BEYTS, Clerk to the Board.

Bombay, M. C.'s Office, 9th Nov. 1864.

WANTED.—A Parsee Gentleman with capital to join the advertiser as Partner or Broker in a Mercantile House. An interview can be arranged by a letter addressed "N.," at Messrs. THACKER AND VINING.

WANTED a competent ENGINEER for the Steamer *Bombay*. None need apply to the advertiser without good testimonials.

G. RANKIN, Engineer.

Duncan Road Iron Works, 28th November 1864.

BOMBAY CONTRACT AND BUILDING COMPANY (LIMITED.)—WANTED a competent DRAFTSMAN. Apply to the Secretary, 10, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 22nd November 1864.

THORNHILL & Co., Opticians, Engravers, &c. Medow Street, Bombay. Established 1850.

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COMMERCIAL BANK CORPORATION OF INDIA AND THE EAST.—Notice is hereby given, that a Call of £5 or Rs. 50 per Share has been made on the Shares in the Commercial Bank Corporation of India and the East, on which £15 or Rs. 150 only has been paid or called up, and that such Call is payable on the 8th day of December next at the Commercial Bank of India, Bombay, and that if not then paid, Interest thereon will be charged at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum until payment.

The third and last Call of £5 or Rs. 50 per Share falls due on the 15th February 1865, but if paid in anticipation Interest will be allowed at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum to the due date of the Call.

By order of the Court,
ROBERT ANGUS, Chief Manager.

2nd December 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following will be sold by Public Auction on 15th December 1864, at the Collector's Office, Tanna :—

	Firewood candies.	Building Timber candies.	No. of Rafters Bamboos, &c.	
Sunjan.....	1,984 2	1,558 0	3,357 Bamboos.	Quantity more or less.
Mahim.....	1,660 14	3,487 7	4,412 Rafters.	
Bassein.....	2,354 0	400 0	...	
Narapoor...	2,200 11	89 14	...	
Moorbaur...	2,300 0	14,089 0	3,818 do. ...	
Kolwan.....	9,179 0	...	1,391 do. ...	

A reserved price will be fixed sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by Government with a small profit.

For particulars enquire of Mr. W. WILLIAMS, Assistant Commissioner at Bassein, or by letter to EWART ST. JOHN GORDON, Tanna, Collectorate Office, Matheran, 16th November 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that it is the intention of the undersigned to apply to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, for leave to reclaim from the sea a portion of the foreshore of the harbour of Bombay, lying on the North-East of the Salt Pans adjoining Bunder, Mazagon, and extending North-ward to the Sandlee Battery. Plans of the proposed Reclamation will be hereafter deposited with the Collector.

LYTTELTON H. BA

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.—A pair of sound stylish HORSES, Bays or Greys, about 14-2, broken to Harness. Apply by letter to "Media," *Gazette* Office.

WANTED.—A BAND MASTER for H. M.'s 25th Regiment Native Light Infantry. For particulars apply to the President Band Committee.

NEW GRAM from Calcutta, first quality, in Bags of 164 lbs., with a few Gunny, at Rs. 8 per Bag. *Terms—Cash.* Apply to GOVIND JANARDHUN, at the Office of Messrs. MONTAUBAN and TALLADA, No. 6, Forbes Street.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Policies of Insurance against Fire, upon Dwelling Houses and other Buildings in both the European and Native parts of the Island of Bombay, continue to be issued by the undersigned on behalf of the above Company.

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.

BYCULLAH RACES, 1865.—EXTRA RACE. —The Railway Purse of Rs. ——For Maiden Gallowayes. 14 hands to carry 9 stone 7 lbs. and in the proportion of 7 lbs. per inch allowed under 14 hands. Round the course. 5 G. M. entrance if made by the 15th December, 10 G. M. if made by the 15th January 1865, with 10 G. M. extra for each Horse declared to start. 2nd Horse to save his stakes.

F. F. ARBUTHNOT, Honorary Secretary.
3rd December 1864.

THE BRUNTON'S PATENT PRESS COMPANY, MADRAS, (LIMITED).—NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—The Third Call of Rupees One Hundred per Share will be payable at the Offices of the Oriental Bank Corporation, Madras, or Bombay, on or before the Fifteenth day of December next, after which date, Interest, at the rate of Twelve per centum per annum will be charged on all unpaid Calls. C. J. ROBINSON & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Madras, 29th November 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Mofussil Press and Gaming Company (Limited), will be held at the Offices of the Secretaries and Treasurers in Marine Street, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 3-30 P. M., for the following purpose :—

To fix the remuneration of the Directors.

By order of the Directors,
W. NICOL & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 3rd December 1864.

ALEXANDRA GENERAL CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (LIMITED).—Capital One Crore of Rupees, in 20,000 Shares of Rs. 500 each. (WITH POWER TO INCREASE.)

The names of the Promoters will be announced hereafter, meanwhile Applications for Shares will be received by Messrs. PESTONJEE AND D'ACQUENY, at their Office, 12, Apollo Street.

BOMBAY HOUSE AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY (LIMITED.)

बांबे हाऊस आणि लांड इनवेस्टमेंट कंपनी (कोंपोटेड).

FORFEITURE OF SHARES.—All Shares upon which the fourth Instalment of Rs. 500 per Share, due 2nd May 1864, making Rs. 900 per Share paid up, has not been paid by the 12th December, will be absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Company.

ALEX. C. BRUCE & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, No. 8, Hornby Row, 3rd December 1864.

THE undersigned are instructed by Limjee Manockjee, Esq., Executor of the last-Will and Testament of Manockjee Limjee, Esq., deceased, to give notice that at an early date, of which due intimation will be given, the several villages of Mazgaon, Gheregaum, Paharee, Dhowry, Kegarray, Worsowa, and Bandworee, all situate in the Island of Salsette, together with the arable meadow pasture, and wood land, hills, jungles, salt pans, and waste ground lying within the boundaries of the said village respectively, will be offered for sale by Public Auction unless sooner disposed of. The property is freehold (subject to the payment to Government of an annual quit rent of one rupee for the whole,) and is intersected by the Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway, there being a station in the village, and also communicates with the Sea by the Woosera River which runs in the vicinity of the Woosera and Bandworee Hills, these being adjacent to the Railway. Further particulars may be learned of the undersigned, or of Messrs. MANOCKJEE LIMJEE & Co., and plans of the property may be inspected at the office of the former.

ACLAND, PRENTIS AND BISHOP.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS (LIMITED).—*Capital Twenty-five Lacs of Rupees, in 12,500 Shares of Rs. 200 per Share.*

(WITH POWER TO INCREASE.)

Provisional Directors.

1. W. E. THOMPSON, Esq., (Delhi Bank Corporation, Limited).
2. R. TAYLOR, Esq., (Commercial Financial Association).
3. CURSETJEE LUDHA, Esq., (Merchant, &c.)
4. SHAMJEE LUDDAR, Esq., (Merchant, &c.)
5. TULSIDASS DEWJEE, Esq., (Merchant, &c.)
6. KHUEA LUDHA, Esq., (Merchant, &c.)

WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER.

Bankers.—The Delhi Bank Corporation.

Standing Counsel.—A. B. HODGES, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

Solicitors and Secretaries.—MESSRS. KELLY, HARE AND MANT.

Consulting Engineer.—JAMES HASTINGS, Esq., C. E.

Secretary.—W. J. TOWELL, Esq.

Notice is hereby given, that the Allotment of Shares in the Royal Exchange Buildings (Limited) will be completed on Monday the 5th December, and all Shares on which the First Call has not been paid on or before Monday, the 12th December, will be cancelled and realized. Memorandum and Articles of Association, duly complete, are now being ready for signature, at the office of the Solicitors, Apollo Street.

W. J. TOWELL, Secretary.

TENDERS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ABOUT 300 EMIGRANTS FROM THIS PORT TO MAURITIUS.—Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the Emigration Agency until 2 P. M. on FRIDAY the 9th instant, for the conveyance of Emigrants from this Port to Mauritius. The Ship to supply Provisions, Fuel, Cooking Utensils, and a Cabin Passage, with Mess for Medical Officer and Assistant; also to be Provisioned with Bonded Stores according to the Passenger's Act 1855. The Emigrants to be provisioned for four days before leaving the Harbour; also a fee of 48 Rupees to be paid by the Ship for stamp duty. The Vessel to be ready for the above-mentioned number of Emigrants to be completed; all possible despatch will be used by the Emigration Agency. A deposit of 500 Rupees required on a Tender being accepted, which will be forfeited on non-fulfilment of contract or breach of Indenture. No reasons will be assigned for the rejection of any Tender. Forms of Tender to be obtained at the Emigration Office. For scale of Provisions and other information apply to the undersigned.

J. D. FREEMAN,
Emigration Agent for the Mauritius Government.

Mauritius Emigration Agency Office, Bombay, 3rd December 1864.

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POSTAL NOTICE

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail per P. and O. Co.'s Steamer *Jeddo*, will be closed on WEDNESDAY, 7th December 1864, at 7 o'clock A. M. Letters will be kept open on the payment of the usual fee of 8 annas, (which must be prepaid by Stamps) until 8 o'clock A. M. Registered Letters will be received until 6 P. M. of the previous day.

MAILS FOR KURRACHEE AND SCINDE.

Mails for Kurrachee and Scinde, per Steamer, will be closed 12 hours after the arrival of the Overland Mail.

CALENDAR—DECEMBER 1864.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, Thursday —— 8th 0h. 39m. P. M.
Full Moon, Thursday —— 15th 0h. 4m. P. M.
Last Quarter, Wednesday —— 21st 9h. 51m. A. M.
New Moon, Thursday —— 29th 7h. 11m. A. M.

Days	Days of the Week	Sundays, Festivals, &c.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	High Water Bombay Harbour. Morn.	High Water Bombay Harbour. Even.	Evening Gun Fires.
			h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur.	1	All Saints' Day	6 22	5 48	7 54	8 27	5 48
Fri.	2	St. Nicholas, Bp.	6 22	5 48	8 33	8 57	5 48
Sat.	3	Nativity of the Virgin	6 23	5 48	9 12	9 36	5 48
Sun.	4	2 Sundays after the Virgin Mary.	6 23	5 48	9 51	10 16	5 48
Mon.	5		6 23	5 48	10 30	10 55	5 48
Tues.	6		6 24	5 48	11 10	11 35	5 48
Wed.	7		6 24	5 48	11 50	11 55	5 48
Thur.	8	Conception of the Virgin Mary.	6 25	5 48	0 15	0 40	5 48
Fri.	9		6 25	5 48	1 1	1 26	5 48
Sat.	10		6 26	5 48	1 48	2 13	5 48
Sun.	11	3 Sundays after Advent.	6 26	5 48	2 36	3 1	5 48

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Bombay Gazette Office, Fort.

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Gazette Press, Fort.

DURING the temporary absence of the Managing Proprietor in England, MR. THOMAS GRAHAM *is authorised to grant receipts and recover monies on account of this Office.*

MACLEAN and CHARMAN.
Bombay Gazette Office, 9th Sept., 1864.

LATEST DATES RECEIVED.

ADEN	Nov. 29	KURRACHEE	Nov. 26
AGRA	Nov. 26	LAHORE	Nov. 26
ALLAHABAD	Nov. 28	LONDON	Nov. 3
AUSTRALIA	Oct. 25	MAURITIUS	Oct. 22
ALEXANDRIA	Nov. 13	MANILLA	Nov. 29
BUSHIRE	Nov. 26	MALTA	Nov. 9
CALCUTTA	Nov. 28	MEERUT	Nov. 26
CAPE	Sept. 30	MOULMEIN	Nov. 16
CEYLON	Nov. 16	PENANG	Nov. 9
COCHIN	Nov. 19	RANGOON	Nov. 16
DELHI	Nov. 26	SUEZ	Nov. 12
FRANCE	Nov. 4	SINGAPORE	Nov. 7
HONGKONG	Nov. 1		

The Bombay Gazette.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

OUR correspondent, "A Well-Wisher," cannot understand why we should have been at the pains to reprint, in answer to his former letter, the clause of Act XXII. of 1863 which requires applicants for grants of land for public purposes to advertise their applications in the newspapers. Our reason for doing so was that the whole drift of "A Well-Wisher's" argument was to show how foolishly certain speculators act who advertize in accordance with the rules dated April 1861 and republished in the *Bombay Government Gazette* of January 28, 1864. Those rules, he urged, have been "practically cancelled" by Act XXII. of 1863, which, though it did not directly apply to grants of waste land belonging to Government, nevertheless prescribed a certain course of procedure to be adopted when lands of private individuals are to be taken for public purposes, which it was reasonable to suppose would also be observed with regard to grants of a kindred nature to these concessions. (This, we may parse *en* remark, is one correspondent's inference, not ours. We hold that there is a very material difference between on the one hand conferring on Government powers to prevent impracticable individuals from stopping public works by refusing to accept a fairly estimated price for their lands, and on the other hand enabling facile Secretaries to Government to bestow valuable gifts of public land on the most favoured applicant. If publicity is desirable, to secure fair play to vested interests in the former case, it is ten times more desirable, to check foul play to the commonwealth, in the latter case.) Surely, then, it was to the point for us to prove that, so far as the necessity of advertizing is concerned—the only matter in dispute, as we conceived—the Act of 1863 and the Rules of 1861 affirm it with equal emphasis. If the Act "practically cancels" the Rules, advertizing is essential to the validity of the application. If the Act does not cancel the Rules, they must be still in force, and advertizing in this case also is essential. We fail, then, to see how our correspondent has established his position, that a man who wants a grant of land is a "fool" to advertize his want. Certainly, our correspondent may be in the right; but, to suppose him so, we must accept his own theory that the publication of Rules in the official *Gazette* may be a mockery and a farce, and that well-informed applicants never give the slightest heed to such Rules, but prefer to rely on their private influence with the Government. "A Well-Wisher" says that "bold assumptions of back-stairs influence, air-wigged secretaries, and "bamboozled councillors are not arguments." No; but suppose they are not assumptions? If published rules are worthless, what other conclusion is possible than that the chance which any man has of getting a grant of public land is in exact proportion to his influence at Government House and in the Secretariat? The Back Bay Job is a remarkable instance of the unscrupulous way in which some Bombay officials can disregard all rules in order to serve their friends' (and their own) interest; and the studied confusion in which the various regulations respecting grants of land have been allowed to remain justifies a very unfavourable view of the intentions of Government for the future.

The only satisfactory mode of banishing the doubts and suspicions which now occupy men's minds and restoring general confidence in the good faith of Government is the adoption of a systematic policy of selling by auction all waste lands which cannot be profitably retained by the State, no bidders being allowed to compete but those who have previously complied with the strictest conditions that can be put in force for the defence of the public interests. Our correspondent "P.," who takes a line of argument not dissimilar from that of "A Well-Wisher," aims at a strictness which would be found quite impracticable. He wishes Government to draw a distinct line between "speculators" and "improvers," and to refuse to sell its land to any Company that does not give, as a guarantee that the proposed public work shall be really constructed, "a deposit in Government Securities of the whole sum estimated as necessary to carry out the work to its ultimate completion." When any Company is found willing to comply with this condition, we shall be prepared to consider its claims to a preference over less unselfish applications. Meanwhile, it may be sufficient to point out the fallacy involved in the supposition that there are men to be found in Bombay who are willing to undertake great works, not as speculators, but as public benefactors: and that it is possible for Government, with unerring instinct, to distinguish the sheep of praiseworthy enterprize from the goats of reckless speculation. It may be permitted us here to notice the insinuations of "A Well-Wisher," that we have a "client's" interest to advocate, and that we now encourage the speculation which formerly we piously denounced. It is quite true that we on Saturday defended Dr. Diver against the unprovoked and ungenerous attack of our correspondent, and maintained that the Doctor's money is, for the purpose of Government, as good as that of Ritchie, Steuart & Co. or Remington & Co. We shall be glad to extend the same advocacy to any other intended victim of the exclusiveness of a clique. As to plain invectives against speculation, our correspondent must be joking when he says he "liked to hear" our daily sermons. We have certainly at times offered the public some judicious counsel as to the perils of excessive speculation; but one doctrine we have uniformly maintained, that speculation is useful and necessary in a prosperous state of society; and, so far are we from having ever played the part of a hypocrite in this matter, that the hostility of the most powerful enemies we have in Bombay is due to our persevering and consistent efforts to ridicule the "affected horror of speculation" assumed by men who, while continually thanking God that they were better than their neighbours, were engaged in constructing the largest gambling shop that has yet been opened in this city. There were some then loud in their applause of what we did, who now cannot conceal their indignation when we apply to their schemes the measure which they were most eager to apply to the Back Bay Job. Their complaints remind one of the pathetic remonstrance of the old lady of the *ancien regime* to the Finance Minister when she had been pestered by the visits of a Collector of Taxes: "Surely," she wrote "surely, "M. le Ministre, you would not have a lady "of my family pay taxes like the common herd "of people."

We have said that none but speculators would care to purchase waste lands in Bombay. As a rule, the capital for all great public works is of course found by the natives; the European promoters have a comparatively small share in the enterprize; and, when they leave the country, they as a rule are anxious only to sell that share to the highest bidders. Thus, for instance, it is a well-known fact that the most valuable reclamation property in Bombay has fallen almost wholly into the hands of two or three very wealthy native speculators, who might sell it to-morrow without even asking the consent of the public spirited European firm who manage the Company's affairs. No doubt, this firm might have kept a fast hold on the property, if they had chosen to invest most of their capital in it. But this the most public spirited Europeans will not do. They prefer selling out and taking their money home to buy houses and estates with in England. Well, they cannot both eat their cake and have it. They cannot carry all their money out of the country and yet maintain their ascendancy over the native capitalists who have no better employment for their money than to speculate in land in Bombay. The selfishness of European merchants in this respect is well illustrated by the fact that, after 200 years of British rule in Bombay, their is hardly a firm which does not transact its business in a rented office, hardly one which has a house belonging to it as a place of residence for the partners. We say, then, that the "public-spirited firm" pretext for upholding the monopoly of land-jobbing can no longer serve to conceal the true motives of the men who use it, or to disguise the really speculative character of their schemes. Government cannot pretend not to know who are the native speculators who give the capital and pull the string of all these Associations, and it ought to be well aware, also, that it is mere childishness to talk of selling land to men who will resist the temptation of selling their shares when those shares go to a premium. Heavy penalties may be imposed, and we believe that in the Back Bay case it is contracted that they shall be imposed, on the original grantees, if the work undertaken by them be not carried out: but beyond this nothing can be done. Certainly, no buyer will come forward, if, before being allowed to bid, he is catechized to learn whether or not he has ever been guilty of the crime of speculating in shares.

THE BHOOTAN FIELD FORCE.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

BHOOTAN FRONTIER, 29TH NOV.

IN a former letter I gave it as my opinion that the Bhootan complications might have been prevented by a little management, and I believe events prove that my opinion is a just one; but as, like most correspondents, I do not expect your readers to take all I advance as gospel, I will endeavour to state the grounds on which my opinion is founded. In the first place, then, it is to be noticed that the whole line of frontier to be protected from raids only extended for eighty miles, and, if the forty miles of frontier which is bordered by the Teesta be deducted, a balance of only one hundred and twenty miles existed. The raids from which our territory suffered were described as being very numerous, but I think it is safe to add that they were also very petty, for they were generally committed by bands of from eight to ten men, who were for the most part unarmed, and who limited their depredations to carrying off property and occasionally seizing peasants and their cattle; but their appears to have been nothing in them of the desperate and extensive nature of the raids on the Punjab frontier, that is to say, they did not plunder the property and burn the villages of large tracts of country at a time. This being the case, one is at a loss to understand how the Bengal Police could have allowed such petty depredations to go on with impunity, for I am not aware of a single successful "daur" having been executed on them by a Police officer: on the contrary nothing of the kind seems ever to have been attempted, and the Bhootean robbers appear to have had it all their own way. Of course the only solution of this question, and there is no good to be got by mincing matters—is that the Bengal Police were utterly inefficient, especially as guardians of the frontier. I firmly believe that one squadron of good Police Cavalry under an active officer would have long ago induced the Bhooteas to keep their own side of the border: their well known dread of cavalry and the smallness of their marauding parties would soon have frightened them into better notions of the difference between "mum" and "taum." Such, I believe, was the best and simplest way to stop them; however, they were not stopped, and either because the marauding became more frequent, or the Lieutenant Governor had some spare time on hand, greater attention was called to the subject. Acknowledging the evil as existent he naturally first thought of a remedy, and, being a man who had no personal experience whatever of the management of savage border tribes, he tried persuasion, and, finding that unsuccessful, he thought of that bliss of philanthropic utopists—a mission to the erring savages. Now a mission is all very well if sent to a people who will understand and appreciate its objects, but a mission to wild savages—who, if they think of it at all, impute the sending of it to fear and weakness—is entirely out of place. The Punjab Government have not been in the habit of sending missions to Cabool and Khelat, because subdivisions of Patan Beloochi clans chose to set alight to our border: if the aggression was committed by a small party it was ten to one that they were cut to pieces ere they could reach their hills by some dashing officer of the Punjab or Sind Cavalry, and if it was more serious a force went, burnt the villages, laid waste the crops of the offending tribe, and returned to their stations, having inflicted just ten times the damage on the tribe that they had on us. Now, I do not propose that a Frontier Force like that of the Punjab should be raised on the North East, it would be too expensive, and as the Bhooteas have none of the enterprise or restlessness of the Patans it would also be unnecessary; but I do think that an imitation of the system might have been tried with advantage on our North East Frontier. It may be said that Mr. Beadon did all he could to keep the Bhooteas quiet before he had recourse to the mission. Such an argument is a very poor one, as what he did had not from the very first the least chance of being successful. Fancy Neville Chamberlain sending letters to the Wazeeries, asking them to be kind enough to desist from plundering along our frontier as it was found to be inconvenient to the industrious inhabitants of the plains! But, even allowing that remonstrances addressed to the Deb and Bhurm Rajahs were likely to produce a desire on their parts to chime in with our wishes; we have no more proof that the Bhootan Government instigated these raids or that they had the power to stop them, than we have to suppose that the Ameer of Cabool is the root of all the disturbances on the North West frontier. It is useless for me to repeat that I cannot understand how Mr. Beadon and his predecessors neglected to learn by the experience of the North West frontier, for the solution lies in the fact that the Bengal Government is not the Punjab Government, that they are not on the Punjabee appointed system of doing things that is peculiar to themselves, and their selection of an envoy appears to have been as unhappy as their former choice of the *modus operandi*. Mr. Eden was a man who had no special qualifications to fit him for the difficult duty of obtaining satisfaction from ignorant and unwilling savages—we all know what came of it. I for one do not like to dwell on such an episode on the history of British India; Mr. Eden's worst enemy could not have done him greater injury than did the friend who selected him for this mission. Suffice it, then, he was grossly insulted and literally kicked out of Bhootan, and things were thus brought to such a pass that the annexation of the Dooars became inevitable, for I do not see how—after the insults offered to our Envoy—Government could do less than give the poor deluded Bhooteeas some such signal exhibition of our power, and accordingly the fiat has gone forth.

The plan of operations for the occupation of these Dooars is in my opinion quite unjustifiable on any military ground, and I am induced the more readily to offer it, as I believe that the plan has not the approval of H. E. the Commander-in-Chief. We have neglected to obtain any military information of the country whatever; and, as there is only a distance of some forty miles to traverse from our frontier, there can be no excuse. I believe that no country in the world offers greater facilities for making thorough military reconnaissances, and yet we have failed to procure any intelligence. Several Civilians have written to Government on the subject, but there is almost no information in their long rambling letters; and we assume, therefore, that the Bhooteeas are a cowardly and pusillanimous race, and that we may consequently neglect all military rules and precautions.

I repeat that we assume it, for we have no grounds to go on, and against this supposition we have the facts that Bhootan is a very difficult country, that the Bhooteeas are of exactly the same race as the gallant Goorkhas, and that the only time we have been engaged with the Bhootanese they are said to have offered a determined resistance. There is no surer maxim in war, and none which can be supported by more examples, than that which prohibits the use of detachments on diverging lines, and yet this is exactly what we are doing, we are sending isolated columns into an unknown and difficult country without any information, and without the ordinary precaution of providing reliable reserves at the bases. The same plan was adopted in the first Nepaul campaign, and the result was that three of these columns were unable to advance. It may be said that the Bhooteeas are not Goorkhas; perhaps not, but they are not far off it; and any one who reads of the Nepaul war will see that at its commencement our officers were just as full of contempt for the latter as we now are for the former. But if the risk involved by this plan was necessary, I hope I should be the last to say a world against it; difficulties are made to be overcome, but that is no reason why we should wantonly choose them in preference. The risk is entirely unnecessary, we are not pressed for time in any way, and by concentrating our whole Force and operating against each post in succession we could have no chance of failure. Of course it is possible that the present plan may be successful, and I suppose, if it is, every one will dilate on its excellencies; but that does not make it less against the rules of war; and if the Bhooteeas only fight with half the courage of the Goorkhas we shall find that after all it is better to stick to the science of war as practised by all *Generals* than to follow the suggestions of Bengal Civilians: by doing the first we shall assuredly not fail where *success is possible*: by adopting the second course, we may succeed by a fluke, but we may be plunged into the most serious disasters. However, allowing that we have successfully occupied the Dooars, all that [illegible] then do is what ought to have been done [illegible] the first, viz., have an efficient police along [illegible] tier: if we do not, we shall not have much [illegible] than we had before, in fact, very much [illegible] if the raids were frequent before, the [illegible] now be incessant, because we shall have [illegible] om the Bhootanese their chief source [illegible] ance. Therefore, it seems only fair to ask [illegible] the question, what do we gain by our at[illegible]? We add one more, to what the native [illegible] India term our unjust spoliations? We [illegible] unhealthy tract of country which yields [illegible] rupees per annum, and which with excellent management may in the course of years yield perhaps four times that amount. But then notice the other side of the book: the expenses of the Force are already enough to swamp the revenue for five years at least, and if we double this estimate we shall arrive at the probable amount of what it will still cost—then let us consider the cost of Civil establishments of the large Police Force which has been sent, the cost of road-making and construction of Government buildings; and, finally, let us add the amount which I hear it is the intention of Government to give the Bhooteeas annually as a subsidy; and it is easy to see that fifteen years will scarcely clear the expenses of the annexation. However, I do not think that Government have been willingly unwise or unjust in this matter; they have been dragged into it by the mismanagement of successive Lieutenant Governors. Two years ago the cost of one squadron of cavalry under an efficient officer would have saved Government the thousands of rupees that are now being sucked up. "A stitch in time saves nine": it would have been more just and more wise to have made this stitch in time instead of having recourse to the expensive patching to which we are now driven. However, I am a soldier, and, as such, feel personally grateful to the aforementioned gentlemen, who by their mismanagement in former days now present me with a chance of seeing service; but, as an Englishman, I have only that admiration for them which is too forcible and expressive for the pages of a polite journal, but which I may say is not totally unallied in its application to a certain long-eared animal.

The whole Force is ready, and advances simultaneously on the 1st December.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(By Electric Telegraph.)

NEGAPATAM, 2nd December.

Steamer *Penang* from Madras anchored.

GALLE, 2nd December, 12 A. M.

Steamer *Nemesis* sailed for Suez.

KURRACHEE, 2nd December.

Steamer *Governor Higginson* from Bombay anchored.

BIMLIPATAM, 4th December.

Steamer *Cashmere* from Calcutta anchored.

GALLE, 4th December.

Steamer *Vigilant* from Trincomalee anchored.

CALCUTTA.

2ND December.

Government Paper, Four per cent., 8¼ to 8⅜ premium.
Five per cents., 10½ to 10⅝ premium.
Five and a half per cent., 10⅜ to 10½ premium.
Exchange on London, First Class Credits, 2s. 1¼d.
Freights to London, dead weight, 10s.
Grey Shirtings, 14 by 13, 11 lbs., 40 inch, Rs. 9-12 to Rs. 10-2 per piece.
Madapollams, 13 by 11, 8 lbs., good seconds, 32 inch, Rs. 4-10 to 4-2 per piece.
Mule Twist, No. 40, good seconds, 10 annas 3 pies per month.
Market for piece goods little more active
Market for twist continues dull.

CAPTAIN ARBUTHNOTT, doing duty with 3rd Cavalry at Kamptee, is appointed Brigade Major at Cannanore.

CAPTAIN HANNAGAN, who commanded the Madras Battery of Artillery at Bellary, that mutinied the other day, is under arrest, pending a Court Martial. The men burnt down the Orderly Room with all the records, and threatened to take Captain Hannagan's life if they could have caught him before he left the station

COLONEL BEST, of the 3rd Madras Cavalry, retired on a bonus of Rs. 20,000 on the 1st December. Lieutenant Colonel Radcliffe (new promotion) late of 7th Cavalry, gets the command of the corps. The Hon'ble Colonel Arbuthnot of the same corps is also about to sell out; making rapid promotion for the young Captains in the corps.

The *Englishman*, the *Calcutta Public Opinion* of Saturday announced the first step towards establishing a Gold Currency, and no one can accuse the Government of rashness. Nothing, in fact, can be more cautious than this first order. The Treasuries will receive Sovereigns and half Sovereigns of full weight at ten and five rupees respectively in payment of sums due to Government, and will issue them again to any one asking for them at the same rate. The notification further states, that Sovereigns will be received for Government Currency Notes to the extent of one fourth of the total amount of issues represented by coin and bullion in each circle under Act XIX. of 1861. This last notification is very important; and if our Financial Minister had only understood his business well enough to have acted under the law above quoted last year, the relief to many would have been of the very last importance. As it is, Banks will now have no hesitation in bringing Sovereigns from Australia, as they may fairly calculate on being able to place them with Government, for it is not likely the limits will be often reached. As they could probably obtain the Sovereigns back again, the loss would be small, as all events as panics are not of frequent occurrence, it is safe to calculate that on the reoccurrence of one, Sovereigns would not, as before, lie useless on the hands of the Banker and Capitalist. This will largely help to the importation of the Sovereign though we do not think it will establish the price of Gold at the rate fixed of ten rupees per Sovereign of 123·274 Grs.

THE *Bangalore Herald*, Nov. 30:—"His Excellency Sir William Denison arrived at this Station on Monday afternoon by special train from Madras at about four o'clock. A Guard of Honor was in waiting, composed of a hundred rank and file from the 66th, with the band, and a detail of Mysore Horse. The former were drawn up on the platform to receive His Excellency, the latter under the goods shed. He was received by Mr. Bowring, Mr. Saunders, and Major General the Hon'ble A. Spencer and Staff, and at once proceeded to Oosoor to be present at the opening of the Agricultural Exhibition. His Excellency we believe will return to day, take dinner for which covers are laid for twelve at the Station House at 7 o'clock, and proceed by special train at 10 o'clock to Madras."

THE same:—"We had a sudden change in the weather on Monday last. Throughout the day it was rainy and threatening, and towards evening the wind freshened, and blew something like a strong gale. Many trees have been blown down and the tents of the 18th N. I. pitched near the Station have come to grief. No casualties have, however, occurred with the exception of a few overturned bandies near the same spot. We see that a gale has also visited Madras, with somewhat rougher effect, and one ship, the *Eva*, has come on shore.

Telegraphic communication is still incomplete, and the effects of the storm are said to have been felt at Vellore."

THE *Lahore Chronicle*:—"The following is a good specimen of the amenities of literature:—

"'As the *Bulletin* has indirectly accused the *Flag* of being a "blackmail sheet," and as we declare the editor of that paper to be a liar, it is just as well to ask that individual to explain the circumstances of his transportation from Scotland to Australia. He has never satisfied the public that those orphan children have been reimbursed. Perhaps these few words will be more than ordinarily suggestive to the editor of the *Bulletin* that ticket-of-leave men may not prudently become too enthusiastic moral reformers.—*Daily American Flag*."'

THE *Delhi Gazette*:—"We publish to-day an interesting account received from a gentleman in this Presidency, of the expected Comet of 1864-5. Without subscribing to the opinions set forth by his astronomical friend, as to the probability of its collision with the earth, we may observe that the present abnormally dry season is indeed most remarkable, having extended over Australia and Europe as well as India, and also that many have noticed the moon to appear of a reddish color, as if some peculiar fog intervened. It is also evident to any one using his eyes, that 'after dark,' as Wilkie Collins says, it is *not quite* dark, but that a kind of faint luminosity prevails."

THE same:—"We regret to hear that vaccination is a complete failure in the Punjab. There is an extensive department but no results. In Amritsur the scourge small-pox is at this moment raging with a violence almost unprecedented; seventy per diem have been mentioned as the number of the dead who pass out of the gates. In Lahore the disease is almost as active."

BOMBAY.

WE understand that it is expected the Thull Ghaut Incline will be opened for public traffic about the 1st instant.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.—Gentlemen summoned to serve as Grand Jurors are requested to be in attendance by [illegible] o'clock this morning.

WE are requested to state that the Bombay Exchange Buildings Company (Limited), has taken a house in the Fort, and intends to begin business on the 1st January.

THE following persons have been appointed Deputy Inspectors under the Cotton Frauds Act:—Messrs. Roopram Mohunlall, Ahmedabad; Nanabhoy Narotam, Dholkera; and C. Anding, Gogo.

DUSTOOR JAMASJEE MUNCHERJEE will read the remaining portion of his Essay on the Parsee Religion on Wednesday next, in the Fire Temple of the late Framjee Cowasjee.

A LARGE range of building, called the "Capud Bazar," belonging to Mr. Munga

OUR SAILORS.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—Will you permit me to call attention to some "obsolete rules" regarding seamen in this port of Bombay? Merchant captains, pay off their men very often with bits of yellow paper called "bills of exchange." well, "Jack" takes these into the bazaar and gets eight annas in the rupee for them: it is true they are a great convenience to such of the men who wish to remit home to their families, but I hear that, these bills are not always paid to this good service, and that but for the kindness of one of the old merchants the men would often be great losers in getting them cashed. There appears to be a "hitch" too, about destitute Foreign seamen. The "Sailor's Home" only takes in men and officers who pay or are paid for; the Shipping Master pays for destitute British seamen only; and, unless from a wreck num. your doors, poor destitute Foreign seamen seem badly off enough; for it is a curious arrangement, but the ship's "colours" and not the place of birth of the man constitutes him British or Foreign, so that sometimes a game of cross purposes is played out.

I cannot help thinking that the "Shipping Master," who is a Government officer, should have the power of sending destitute Foreign seamen to the "Home" in the same manner as he does "British," but if my information is correct he cannot or will not; and it sometimes happens that a poor, shoeless, hatless fellow is seen from pillar to post all over the place before he can procure a meal.

I feel certain the Chamber of Commerce would back up any measure propounded by the "Shipping Master" for the benefit of the Maritime community. If you think "Jack" worth the ink and paper, I may be able to call attention to the "Sailor's Home" and "Harbour Church."

VISITOR.

Bombay, Bombay Harbour, 10th November.

JURORS.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—If Mr. Connelly, the bailiff of the Supreme Court, think she honours mighty tendering me a legal notice, error he, to serve as a Juror on the Sessions, which is as arbitrary as any ukase of the Russian Czar, he is egregiously mistaken, and were it not that it is wooted in a peculiarly inviting style, I should be inclined to attribute the patriotism and loyalty that at all savoured of my duty, to contempt of court. Were it not that Her Majesty gives me to lend her my services in the High Court of Judicature, and more than this a horrible dread of a prosecution in the notice—something about £100—I would tell Mr. Connelly to drag his fetters and go to the Dickens." Why should I, to my detriment and expense, be made to serve *bon-gre mal-gre* on the Jury? On the last occasion I thought I had discovered an avenue of escape, but found to my chagrin that Mr. Connelly was inexorable and not at all accessible to a *quid pro quo*. He did not look brilliant and say

"Thou hast money, for I did hear it now
Jing in the pockets most musical to mine ear."

Had he considered me the notice anywhere else than in my office I would have put myself in a bellicose attitude and asked him to "turn to," as they say in Cheapside.

But a truce to this badinage. I would seriously recommend to the notice of Sir M. R. Sausse the question of defraying the expenses of Jurors (he can exercise his discretion as to what class of Jurors this consideration should be extended to). It cannot be denied that his expenses are a great, and his inconvenience greater, who has to serve on the Jury and is working at such a place as Byculla. Poor unfortunate I was one of Mr. Connelly's victims on the latest Sessions, and in consequence was compelled to be present at the High Court by 10 A. M., each day, and it depended on the caprice of chance or the decision of Mr. Connelly whether I were called each day or station or not. If I were not called, equally unfortunate, after paying for carriage from my place to the Fort, I would have to hire another to convey me to Byculla; this, of course, cannot be accomplished without the loss of a rupee and a quarter or a rupee and a half. I must think myself favoured by practical or legal gods if I manage to get another buggy under an expenditure of one rupee and twelve annas. I not have got so independent as any of the ephemeral mushrooms of yesterday (can't say whether they dabble in share also). I have had more than twice two times to walk it from the Fort to Byculla from this cause. If I happened to be called for the afternoon Jury I had then alternatives (neither pleasantly or either) of loitering aimlessly about the Fort till the time arrived and pay a fourer one rupee and twelve annas for a lunch and a bottle of lemonants, or pay for a drive home and back for breakfast, and then it may chance that no afternoon Jury is required and one may as well have remained at home, there being something for a drive back. It too frequently happens that every body is not so fortunate as myself, some may have superiors so exacting as to be unwilling to demand your presence in office after you have been sitting without tiffin, and your mental faculties strained to make a verdict out of the "glorious uncertainty of the law," from 10 A. M. till 2 P. M., some may expect you to return to office after you have been to the Fort to learn that you are to be on the afternoon Jury and permit you to drive or walk as it may chance, and however distant your office, to the Court at 2 P. M. Now, I would ask, is there no expense attached to these things, and is there no inconvenience to the individual so dilatorily? Surely Sir M. Sausse ought to be alive and sensible to the miseries of those poor devils who in these hard times are barely able to eke out an existence! Have not they sufficient reason already to curse the income Tax, the dearness of the times, and desire Sir C. Trevelyan a speedy journey to the unknown regions? This alone is a great hardship on all 20 rupees his expenses per diem (or night or both if he is a Juror) and not over-remunerative. I found I was not over-remunerated when some of the Jurors who had attended the sitting of the last Sessions were unable to recover the expenses they were obliged to incur, but they were diffident in doing so before the tribunal.

There is one other source of complaint; a servant of Government, or it does not matter whose servant, who has to devote his office hours unremittingly to his work (and these are not a few, for every one does not *expeditum cum dignitate*) in his calling and is no guarantee as to be a Juror, has his work thrown almost invariably into arrears and may only bring it up by unceasing labour after office hours. Certainly there is no remedy for this, as to be just to Jurors would be the great inconvenience and disadvantage some have to submit to by being empannelled on the Sessions Jury. I firmly believe this has only to be brought to the notice of Sir M. Sausse to be in some way remedied by assurance that his wishes may suggest to him.

Should you deem it desirable to represent the matter to Government, while it will be a blessing which will not be forgotten by those who are now suffering from almost inattendance—to compensate them for the expenses they are unable to incur when serving on the Jury.

DIOGENES.

THE "WINGS OF THE WIND."

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—As it will be satisfactory to the subscribers at Bombay who have so generously contributed for the relief of the families of the deceased seamen of the late ship *Wings of the Wind*, and of those who perished in the lifeboat in an attempt to rescue the crew of that vessel, to know how their contributions have been disposed of, I beg you will kindly give publicity to the annexed correspondence. With respect to the enquiry of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, as to the approval of the scheme which may remain unpaid, owing to the absence of or difficulty in, discovering those entitled to them, I would suggest, for the approval of the subscribers, that any undaimed sums should after the lapse of a year from the date of intimation reaching the Board of Trade be proportionably distributed among the six widows with their children who have already been recipients out of the Fund. Should I receive no intimation to dissent from this proposal, I shall request its adoption. Apologizing for soliciting so large a space in your columns, I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN CASTOR, Master Attendant.

Cochin, 26th November.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, 6th September 1864.

John Castor, Esq.,
Master Attendant, Cochin.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th July last, inquiring whether or not you are now to be furnished with particulars respecting the application of the sum of £799-14-6, subscribed at Bombay, &c., on the occasion of the wreck of the ship *Wings of the Wind* in October 1863.

In reply, I am to acquaint you that the Board of Trade have obtained, with but five exceptions, the names and addresses of all the persons entitled to share in the sum in question, and have caused their respective shares, amounting together to £577-6-10, to be paid to them. The balance of the subscription now remaining unpaid being £99-7-8.

As requested by your letter of 17th December last, the sum of £17-10 was paid to T. O'Brien, the only survivor of the crew of the life boat (in addition to £15 not included in the subscription—for which a separate bill was received) and £2 to each of five survivors, J. Christopher, E. Cassoo, P. Robinson, E. Southwell, and J. Stevenson, of the crew of the *Wings of the Wind*, whose whereabouts have been ascertained.

In distributing the sums of £415-7-2, allotted by you for the relief of the families of the seamen who manned the life-boat and perished in endeavouring to render assistance to the wrecked crew, and £279-17-4, for the relief of the families of the deceased seamen of the ship *Wings of the Wind*, the Board of Trade were guided by the wishes expressed in your letters, namely, that the money should be distributed with a due regard to the number of the surviving claimants of each family, and the closeness of the ties which connected them with the deceased"; also by your opinion that "the chief officer's widow is entitled to a larger proportion, and the best on gradation."

The following are the proportions according to which the distribution was made:—

In the case of the	To Widow.	To To each Parent, Child.
Chief Mate	6	3 2
Second Mate	5	2½ 1½
Carpenter		
Sailor		
Steward	4	2 1
Cook		

In the case of the sums allotted for the families of the deceased seamen of the life-boat £415 7s. 2d., the unit of distribution was £39 15s. 4d.; and in that of that *Wings of the Wind* £279 17s. 4d., the unit was £27 18s. 3d.

The Board of Trade accordingly paid to the relatives of the deceased seamen the sums following, viz.:—

Life Boat.

Name of deceased Seamen	Grade.	To whom paid.	Amount.
			£. s. d.
J. J. Neely	2nd Mate	Father	76 18 4
T. Foggy	A. B.	"	61 19 8
R. Ramsee	A. B.	"	61 19 8
H. Rodgers	O. S.	Mother	61 19 8
J. Gilbert	2nd Mate	Widow	133 16 9
			415 7 8

Wings of the Wind.

			£.	s.	d.
T. Watkinson	Chief Mate	6 Widow	45	7	6
J. Smith	Carpenter	7 Widow (has 3 children.)	52	18	9
T. Griffin	Steward	2 Mother	15	2	6
T. White	Sailmaker	6 Widow (has 2 children.)	45	7	6
T. Lacey	A. B.	6 Widow (has 2 children.)	45	7	6
T. Careless	Cook	4 Widow	30	6	1
			234	9	10

To the relatives of W. Courtenay (who is reported to have left a wife and family abroad) a sum of £45-7-8 has been apportioned, and endeavours have been made to trace them by advertising and otherwise, but hitherto without success. There are also to be paid a sum of £2 to each of four survivors of the *Wings of the Wind*, namely W. Lloyd and T. Stevens, respecting whom no information can be procured; and W. Townshend and J. Domingo, who have sailed for Sydney but whose return to the United Kingdom will be reported to this office.

I am to request that my Lords may be informed what course is to be pursued with respect to any of the shares which may remain unpaid, owing to the absence of, or difficulty in, discovering those entitled to them. The receipts of the persons to whom different sums have been paid (£677-6-10) are herewith enclosed, together with a copy of a letter of thanks received from Mr. Notly.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. H. FARRER.

THE LAND POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—Why you should be at the pains this morning to reprint Clause IX. of Act XXII. of 1863 in your leading article of to-day for my edification and discomfiture is of course best known to yourself. I of course never meant to dispute that it was necessary to advertise all applications for powers under that Act; but what I did say was, and what if you only take the trouble to read the Act you will yourself see is the case, that waste land reclamation schemes do not fall within that Act at all. Besides, you entirely misread the scope of the Act. The advertisement there required is for the information of persons whose vested interests are threatened by a projected scheme, not for the instruction, as you seem to suppose, of every prying speculator peeping about for a job. Yielding therefore the probable rescission of the rules, your argument on this point is left without a leg to stand upon, and, you must excuse my saying so really, but you do not seem much better off with regard to your public auction argument. Bold assumptions of back stairs influence, ear-wigged secretaries, and bamboozled councillors are no doubt fair weapons enough in controversy, but they are not arguments? and you do not venture to, as you cannot, assert them to be facts. Otherwise, except perhaps by a passing slap at the leading firms of Bombay, which by the way strikes much harder at your own clients than anybody else, and by a broad negative or two, you do not attempt to meet me at all on this issue. It is very easy to raise a cry of corruption, and it is equally easy to gull shareholders into ruinous speculations, which the most casual regard to figures must prove unremunerative. You have said so yourself a thousand times; why therefore shrink from the application of your own argument? "Going in like men" is all very well: but when going in like men implies going in with other people's money, and making ducks and drakes of other people's interests, all honourable people will decline to do it. I liked to hear you when you daily croaked in the most piously dismal and refreshing manner upon the fearful retribution coming upon the reckless speculation in our island; but I am not equally edified to see you draw a weapon from the armoury of your opponents and call a "horror of speculation" affected.

A WELL-WISHER.

II.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—We have in these days "speculations" and "improvements," and, though they are much mixed up together in actual practice, there is considerable difference between them in idea. Speculations are like the three halfpenny razors, made to sell; they are started with much parade, to the great benefit of your advertising columns, and, among a community overflowing with money which they really do not know what to do with, generally succeed in their object, which is nothing more than the immediate profit of the individuals who start them. These enterprising gentlemen reap the reward of their inventive genius in a speedy sale of their whole interest in the concern, which thereupon falls into other hands, who in a similar way make it a source of rather less profit than their predecessors did, and resign it in turn to a third set, and they to a fourth, if its popularity lasts long enough. Ultimately, if the project is in its nature really practicable, it may be carried out, if not it will be gradually abandoned; but whether it be practicable or impracticable realised or relinquished, matters not one pice to the original contrivers of it, who will have long since washed their hands of the whole affair, and gone off to fresh fields and pastures new. This is the history of many most promising Speculations.

By Improvements, on the other hand, I mean to designate all those great local works—the enclosure of dry land for building, the completion of the harbour, the reclamation of pestilential foreshores, and the like, which His Excellency the Governor so forcibly pointed out as being most desirable and necessary in Bombay; but more particularly those which are of a nature to be likely to be remunerative to private persons undertaking them; for with those which hold out no hopes of private profit, and must therefore be constructed at public expense, such as drainage, &c., I have nothing at present to do. Now, it is evidently very much to be desired that as many of the former kind of projects as possible should be undertaken and carried out by private enterprise, because the revenues of the State cannot very well be expected to sustain so great a burden. Government is therefore perfectly right to give every encouragement to individuals or companies who come forward prepared to execute them at their own risk for the sake of ultimate profit realisable on the completion of the scheme. At the same time Government is not less bound, in consideration for its own dignity, and the respect due to the community which it represents, to take care not to give its sanction, when its sanction is important, to mere bubble schemes got up solely for the profit of the immediate projectors, and which, when that profit is realised, they will abandon to their fate. These improvements cannot be undertaken at all without the direct and expressed approbation of Government, conveyed in the form of a grant of the land to be operated upon to the persons who undertake the work; and I repeat that, before making such a concession, they should satisfy themselves that the grantees do really intend performing it. It is essential that they should be convinced that what is contemplated is in truth an improvement, not a mere speculation; that the public will really benefit by having the thing actually done; that it is not a mere agency of transferable shares which they create; that the projected clearing, or building, or embankment, or what not, will be not projected only but really begun, and not begun only but really finished; and that, for all this, the original projectors make themselves responsible. This of course is not the case of a purely private company like a new bank, formed by a voluntary association of individuals, with which Government has nothing on earth to do (unless it were to follow the advice of the *Guardian*, and tax all transfers of shares). Whether these are bubbles or substantial, is no care of the State. In the case I am supposing Government is directly appealed to to become a party to the scheme, and the principal party; and its share of the undertaking is to watch over the interest which the general public have in the matter. That interest is bound up in the work, whatever it is, being done, for the public, as such, have no interest in the rate at which the shares go off, and therefore Government, as such, cannot possibly have any either. I say *as such*; for its members or its secretaries may possibly have individually a great deal. But collectively the province of the ruling body is to see that security is given that what is talked about will be really done; and that the Queen's representatives are not made ridiculous, and a whole community flouted and insulted, by a great grant of land being given for a public purpose to a few individuals, who, having received it, and being thereby placed in a position not only to realise enormous fortunes for themselves but to give them also to their friends, in a few months sell their interest in the affair, and it they are English carry the money away with them to Europe, and if they are natives invest it in new speculations, but in either case become profoundly and absolutely indifferent to the success or failure of the scheme, and have no further concern whether it is ever carried out or not.

And it is the more necessary to act with caution on this point, because the actual profits raised from undertakings of this nature generally fall short of what is at first anticipated. This was experienced twenty years ago in the case of railroads in England. Almost all these lines owe their existence to an expectation which prevailed beforehand that they would pay ten per cent. They do actually pay about three, and if this fact had been foreseen it is quite certain that not a tenth part of them would have been constructed. Speculators are grown more longheaded now, and I am very much afraid that when the time comes actually to spend large sums upon large works, with no certainty of more than a very insignificant profit, they will not very easily be induced to do it. They will rather surrender their grant. The system of "calls" occasions the difficulty. It is excellent fun for the original speculators, who pay a "call" of a few thousand rupees, sell at four or five times the amount, and retire in a blaze of glory as great public benefactors; but it stands to reason that the shares must ultimately come into the hands of parties who will have to pay a great many calls—call after call—without the same facility for selling at a high profit, because the premium cannot rise for ever. This will not be nearly so entertaining; and I fear gentlemen thus situated may begin to make a closer calculation of probable profits than they ever did before, and it is not unlikely the process may end in a conviction that the scheme is a waste of money, and had better be abandoned. Thus the mud and water will relapse to Government after the expiration of three or four years, improved perhaps by a few unsightly heaps of stones or sepulchral looking mounds, and with ugly piles driven in here and there to warn posterity against rash speculation, and puzzle the pamphlets.

Next time therefore Government is called on for a grant of land, I respectfully recommend that they insist on the actual deposit in Government Securities of the whole sum estimated as necessary to carry out the work to its ultimate completion; or at least to such a degree of completion as that the public will obtain benefit by it. It will be said perhaps that on these terms nobody will undertake public works. Then I say this shows that the projectors of them do not really intend to carry out the works, but only to make an immediate profit for themselves and have nothing further to do with the scheme; that undertakings so set on foot are almost certain never to be carried out at all; and that Government will only make itself ridiculous, and its officials suspected, by aiding schemes of which the object, if attainable at all, is attainable in three days' time, and which are thenceforth to be gradually abandoned.

P.

CIVIL ENGINEERS IN INDIA.

To the Editor of the Englishman.

SIR,—Some time back, the Civil Engineers in the Public Works Department were gratified to find that certain anomalies regarding their position in the department were commented upon by the Commissioners, Messrs. Foster and Whitten, who were engaged to report on certain financial matters, and it would be still more gratifying to find that there was some chance of their being put on an equal footing to that of the Military members. The case stands somewhat in this way. Lieut. Binks of the Eleventh (let us say) can *draw* a little and has proved himself a good office man, and what with a little interest and *opportunity* (a great thing in India) he finds himself dubbed an Engineer, and in course of time has charge of a large Division. Binks is now exactly what he was, a cleaner of seas, Grass is in for does not he get promoted both in his capacity of Officer in the army, and also in his capacity of Engineer? Accordingly, by the time Binks is a Major, he is also probably 2nd class Executive Engineer and will be drawing about Rs. 1200 a month, which is not so bad for a man of, say, 40 years of age. These remarks apply also to officers of the Military Engineers, with the exception, of course, that these latter have had a special training for their work. But now let us turn to the case of the Civil Engineer. After the usual school or college education, he is "articled" to a Civil Engineer of some standing, paying a premium of from £500 to £1000, so that his education is as costly as that of the Military Engineer. He then comes out to India at, say, 25 years of age, and receives a salary of from Rs. 100 to 200 a month.

Steps" in the department are supposed to come every three or four years, but is often much longer ere the Civil Engineer has to wait; however, supposing all goes on well, the following will shew what his prospects are:—

At about 25 years of age he will receive Rs.		300
28	"	350
32	"	400
35	"	500
40	"	600
44	"	750
48	"	900

We are told in the Psalms that "promotion cometh neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South." How it may be in the North I cannot say, but certainly in Bengal it is by no means certain; but even if all goes on well, a man must be getting towards fifty before he can hope to save much from his salary. There are, it is true, a few exceptions, three or four Civil Engineers who happened to be near Headquarters at the time of the mutinies, or rather after the mutinies, have nothing to complain of. Well, in making these comparisons, I know I shall be met with the argument, that every one accepts employment with his eyes open, and that the inevitable labourer and his agency will be pressed into the service; but I question whether the young Civil Engineer is aware, when he decides to join the department, that his whole career is to be one of humiliation (so to speak), for it is so in practice. In Indian society Civil Engineers is a nobody. If married, he cannot afford to "entertain," and if single, he is not much sought after unless he is a first rate pig sticker the billiard player, the consequence is, that in a large station he is not much seen in society. I could point out more than one instance of this where a man of first rate "connections," is treated as a "cipher" of the unconvenanted lot."

Any amount of scientific lore goes for nothing in India, unless it be a slight knowledge of horse doctoring or photography, and the consequence of all this is that our Civil Engineer often sees more society in a jungly out-of-the-way station than in a large one. If he is in a large station he will generally be the lowest paid of any of the officials; for instance:—

The Doctor, with private practice, will make, say	Rs.	1,500
Clergyman	600 to	800
Small Cause Court Judge		1,000
District Superintendent of Police		700
Inspector of Schools		800
Executive Engineer	500 to	600

(I have omitted the Civil Service in the above, to save your type.)

Now, all of the above are probably men in the prime of life, well educated, and hard working, and yet the engineer is the worst paid and has less to look forward to than the others, perhaps, we may except the clergyman, as I think he is underpaid and his private practice is not (like the doctor's) very lucrative. One word more about the *duties* of the Executive Engineer. The work is generally very uninteresting, but very laborious; the system of checks, references, and what-not upon every step that is taken, even in the most trivial works, are very irksome: imagine a man who is fond of shooting, and suppose that every time a bird got up he was compelled to go through all the preliminary details that are drilled into recruits—"at the word one," "place the ball of the right toe against the left heel" and so on, for 10 minutes, would it not rile him to be always a little too late for his bird? And so it is with "Departmental work." There they are, long, dreary journeys to be taken at all times of the year; stupid or dishonest subordinates to work with, and finally utter isolation from all professional intercourse. It is the fashion now a days to teach Government what is its own interest, but I have said my say. My object in writing has been merely to shew what is the present standing of the Civil Engineers.

SPEP.

A GOLD CURRENCY FOR INDIA.

(From the Gazette of India, Nov. 26.)

THE Governor General of India in Council, considering it expedient that the circulation of British and Australian Sovereigns in all parts of British India and its dependencies should be encouraged and facilitated, is pleased hereby to direct that, from and after the publication of this Notification, Sovereigns and Half-sovereigns, coined at any authorised Royal Mint in England or Australia of current weight,* shall, until further notice, be received, in all the Treasuries of British India and its dependencies, in payment of sums due to the Government, at the equivalent of ten and five Rupees respectively; and that such Sovereigns and Half-sovereigns shall, whenever available at any Government Treasury, be paid at the same rates to any person willing to receive them in payment of claims against the Government.

The Governor General of India in Council is pleased to direct, under the authority vested in him by Act XIX of 1861, Section 9, that Government Currency Notes shall, until further notice, be issued at the Offices and Agencies of Issue of the several Circles of Government Paper Currency in British India; in exchange for Sovereigns and Half-sovereigns, coined at any authorised Royal Mint in India or Australia, and of current weight, calculated at the rate of ten and five Rupees respectively, to an extent not exceeding one fourth of the total amount of issues represented by coin or by coin and bullion in each Circle.

* The standard weight of the Sovereign is grains 123·274 and it ceases to be current when, from wastage or other causes, it falls in weight below grains 122·5.

NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Government Notification No. 3354 of the 18th instant, Government Promissory Notes and Stock Receipts of the Sicca Rupee Loans will be received at the Loan Branch of this Office for conversion, and should be receipted on the back as follows:—

Received the Principal* of this Note by transfer to the 4 per cent. Transfer Loan of 1st May 1865 for Rupees

Received interest due up to
Received anticipation interest

	Rs.	As.	P.
* Principal Sicca Rs. 000	033	5	4
Fractional sum tendered in cash	66	10	8
	009	0	0

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2. Fractional sums necessary to make up even hundreds must be paid into the Bank of Bengal to the credit of Government, and the receipt of the Bank presented with the Notes when tendered for conversion.

3. Proprietors who desire payment in cash of a fractional amount sufficient to reduce the principal sum of their Government Securities to even hundreds in Government Rupees, must submit a written application to that effect when tendering their Securities for conversion.

4. The payment of fractional sums, as also of interest due on the Government Securities tendered for conversion, and anticipation interest, will be made to the Proprietors by order on the Bank of Bengal, on issue of the Loan acknowledgment to be grated in lieu of the Securities tendered.

5. Agents tendering on behalf of their Principals must furnish the assent of their Principals in writing, or produce for registry Powers of Attorney, authorising the sale or transfer of Government Securities, the property of their Principals.

6. New Notes of the Transfer Loan will be issued on surrender of the Loan acknowledgments at the Loan Office duly receipted by the holders.

7. Applications from holders resident in the Mofussil, for the conversion of Sicca Loan Notes and Stock Receipts, must be made through their duly constituted Agents in Calcutta.

8. The sub-division of Promissory Notes and Stock Receipts of the Sicca Loans will not be permitted so long as the 4 per cent. Transfer Loan continues open.

R. P. HARRISON, Acctt. Genl. to the Govt. of India.

FORT WILLIAM, LOAN OFFICE, the 19th November 1864.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(From the Gazette of India, Nov. 26.)

THE following notice of the Government of the Cape of Good Hope is published for general information:—

TABLE BAY NEW LIGHTS AND FALSE BAY BEACON
Robben Island Light.

A Lighthouse has been erected on the southernmost (and highest) hill of Robben Island, Minto Hill, at an elevation of 154 feet above the sea, a light from which will be exhibited on the 1st of January 1865.

The Lighthouse is in Latitude 33° 48′ 52″ S., Longitude 18° 22′ 33″ E.

The building is a cylindrical shaft, 60 feet high, painted in horizontal *Red and White bands*, exhibiting a *White* fixed light of the 3rd order dioptric.

It is visible all round the horizon, and can be seen from a ship in clear weather 19 or 20 miles.

Changes in the Green and Mouille Point Lights.

The two fixed lights in the Green Point square tower will be abandoned on the above date, and a *White* light of the 3rd order dioptric, flashing at intervals of 10 seconds, substituted. It is 65 feet above the sea, and can be seen in clear weather from a ship 13 miles.

Mouille Light.

The old pyramidal building which carried this light will be demolished, and replaced by a cylindrical shaft 30 feet high, painted in alternate *Black and White bands*, and carrying a *Red* light of the 4th order dioptric. It stands at an elevation of 44 feet above the sea, and can be seen about 10 miles in clear weather.

Sailing Directions.

Ships bound for Table Bay from the southward should not shut in the Cape Point light with the land at Slangkop Point until the Robben Island light—which will be seen before the one on Green Point—bears N. E. ¼ E., when they may steer for it; and when the Green Point light, bears east, an E. N. E. course may be followed until the red light on Mouille Point comes open to the northward of Green Point light, bearing S. E. by S. This course will lead clear to the Vulcan Rock and the reefs that lie to the northward of it. The course may now be altered to S. E. by E. ½ E., which will carry them one mile outside Mouille Point, and within this distance no stranger should round the point at night. When the Mouille light bears S. S. W., a S. by E. course for the anchorage may be shaped, anchoring as soon as the Green Point light is shut in with the hillocks near Mouille Point, or with Mouille Point Light bearing N. W. about one mile off, in from 6 to 8 fathoms. Small vessels may steer S. by E. ½ E. for the anchorage in 4 or 5 fathoms, and anchor with the Mouille light bearing about N. W. by N.

Ships bound to Table Bay from the northward must not take too great liberty with Robben Island on account of its light, for the Island is low, and the dangerous Whale Rock lies S. 17 W., only 1 4-10ths mile from the Lighthouse and 9-10ths of a mile from the nearest point of the Island.

Having sighted the Robben Island light, a ship should haul to the S. W., if the light bear anything to the westward of south, until the flashing light on Green Point bears S. by E. or S. E.; when she may steer for it until Robben Island light bears N. E., when she may steer S. E. by E.; and when Mouille Light bears S. S. W., steer, as before directed, for the anchorage.

With the light upon Robben Island, and the Green Point or Mouille Point light, a vessel may readily determine her position by cross bearings; but the safest and easiest plan to adopt is, whilst the Green and Mouille lights are open of each other, to tack when the Robben Island light bears N. by W. ¼ W., and when they approach each other and become in line, to tack when the Robben Island light bears N. by W. This will prevent accidents from the lowness of the Blaauwberg beach and its deceptive appearance at night. Little, if anything, can be lost in thus beating in by giving up the smooth water near the the shore, as the constant northerly current that sets out between Robben Island and the main land more than destroys the seeming advantage; added to which, the wind blows with greater violence from the S. E. on the east side of the bay than it does more to the westward, though not in such sudden and violent gusts.*

New Beacon for the Whittle Rock, False Bay.

A beacon has been erected on a large flat-topped rock near Oatlands Point, which will, in conjunction with the beacon that now stands on the shoulder of the hill beneath Simon's Berg, point out the position of the Whittle Rock. The rock on which the beacon stands lies a few yards from the shore and 0·85 miles from the Shoulder Beacon. When on the Whittle Rock the two beacons will be in a line, and also in a line with a large patch of white-washed rocks on the hill northward of Simon's Town, bearing N. N. W. ¾ W. The Shoulder Beacon is white, with a staff and ball. The Oatlands Point beacon is triangular, 35 feet high, and painted white with a red band in the centre.

The advantage of this beacon is that it points out to ships from the westward that they are clear of the Whittle Rock, whilst it is kept open to the eastward of the Shoulder Beacon. This was somewhat difficult with the patch of white-washed rocks behind Simon's Town for a mark, as vessels were obliged to run far to the eastward before the patch opened out clear of the shoulder of Simon's Berg hill.

Vessels from the eastward will still find the white patch of rocks serviceable for pointing out the position of the Whittle rocks.

P. SKEAD, Master, R. N.,
Admiralty Surveyor.

13th July 1864.

* Vessels entering Table Bay during the day when blowing hard from S. E. after passing the Mouille Point, may, with great advantage, anchor in 10 or 12 fathoms, where they will be in a good position for dropping into the inner anchorage on the following morning, as the wind invariably falls light during the night, although the S. E. may continue to blow hard on the east side of the Bay. By observing this rule, more particularly in ships of large tonnage, a great deal of anxiety and risk in wearing ship, when missing stays, will be avoided, and less casualties occur from loss of anchors and cables when endeavouring to bring up on the eastern shore.

H. WILSON, Port Captain, Table Bay.

MADRAS.

THE MAILS PER "NEMESIS":—"Great excitement prevailed in Town yesterday morning on its becoming known that the whole of the Madras Mails intended for transmission by the *Nemesis* were safely deposited in the Marine Office, instead of being on board the Steamer, which got away at seven in the morning. The Mails were taken down to the Beach at six o'clock yesterday morning when there was a very high sea on, and the surf was quite impassable; every endeavour was made to get a boat off but without success. Precisely, to an extent not exceeding one fourth of the total amount of issues represented by coin or by coin and bullion in each Circle. The Steamer had stayed her full time, and the weather was so threatening that she was obliged to get away. Fortunately, however, Captain Western steamed back to Madras at four in the evening, and soon after five o'clock the Mails were safely put on board, and the *Nemesis* took her final departure for Galle. The Chamber of Commerce will, we believe immediately take motion in this matter, and submit for the consideration of Government, that, especially in such weather as this, the bulk of the Mails ought to be put on board without any unnecessary delay. It is difficult to understand why they should all be kept back to the last moment, and thus risk the chance of missing the Steamer. Most people must have posted their letters before five o'clock on Sunday evening, and there seems no good reason for delaying them for upwards of 12 hours in the Post Office. An "after packet" might be kept open, and those who avail themselves of it would have little right to complain if they found that their despatches were doomed to rest in the Madras Post Office for a week longer than they wished, or intended. In the present instance, the Madras community are greatly indebted to Captain Western for his considerate kindness in returning for the Mails; but that will not, we apprehend, prevent them from pouring out the vials of their wrath on the devoted head of the Madras Post Master. *Athenæum and Daily News, Nov. 26.*

MULLER'S TRIAL.

THE SUMMING UP.

THE court having re-assembled after an adjournment of a quarter of an hour,

The Lord Chief Baron said—Gentlemen of the jury. The prisoner at the bar is indicted for the murder of Mr. Thomas Briggs, and it is for you to say is he guilty or not guilty. I do not think it necessary to say anything about previous statements in connection with this case. I think the free statement, not discussion, of everything that occurs and is of interest to the country is one of the liberties of the press which cannot be too much valued, and if you come here with a knowledge of some of the facts of the case it is an advantage rather than otherwise. It is for me to tell you the law and you to apply it to the facts. There can be no doubt that Mr. Briggs, on the night of the 9th of July, was murdered. I shall presently endeavour to state the circumstances, and draw them to your recollection. I shall call your attention to parts of the evidence, and give you some general directions. The verdict is to be yours, not mine. I apprehend that circumstantial evidence means that where the facts stated do not directly show the prisoner committed the offence. The majority of criminal cases in this country are decided on circumstantial evidence, and it has been said that it is the best evidence. Of course, if a witness sees an offence committed, that is, perhaps, the best evidence: but if the evidence is in any way untrustworthy, either from intention or accident on the part of the witness, then the existence of a number of facts, all pointing in one direction, is more likely to be free from misapprehension and mistake. My brother Parry suggested you should not find the prisoner guilty unless you are convinced as if you saw him do it. I do not think that is the principle to guide you. I agree with Lord Tenterden—it is not necessary you should have a certainty, that does not belong to any human transaction, but only that degree of certainty on which you would conclude your most important transactions of life. My brother Parry has referred to a common axiom, that it is better that many criminals should escape than one innocent person be punished. Records of the Criminal Court show that there have occurred instances where innocent persons have suffered, and every care is necessary to avoid such an occurrence. Your mode of proceeding should be this—to take the facts, separate those you believe from those you do not believe, and draw the conclusion that naturally must result from those facts, and whatever be the conclusion they lead to on it you may rely. The case on the part of the prosecution is the story of the murder of Mr. Briggs told by the witnesses, who disclose the particulars that state a gradual succession of circumstances relative to the property of Mr. Briggs. The case for the defence is that the Crown has not made out the case. You substituted probability for certainty; and Brother Parry says that would entitle and no witnesses the prisoner would have been entitled to an acquittal. That is one issue you have to try, and if the Crown has not made out a clear and continuous chain to connect the prisoner with the crime he is entitled to be found not guilty. In the second case it is said he could not from his strength do it; if he could not, he is entitled to be found not guilty. The next point in the defence is the *alibi*. If you do not decide on one of the first two points you must weigh the *alibi* against the case for the prosecution, and if you have a serious doubt he is entitled to an acquittal, but you must consider the *alibi* with the evidence for the prosecution. I think it right to draw your attention to the facts for the prosecution. It appears that Mr. Briggs, on Saturday, the 9th of July, after dining with Mr. Bachan, proceeded to Fenchurch-street to the train to go to Hackney-wick. No doubt he was murdered between those stations, and we may believe Mr. Lee in saying he was at Bow; and I must here observe I am not surprised the prosecution did not call him. However, Mr. Briggs, I think, was clearly at Bow, and he never arrived at Hackney-wick. Mr. Briggs was found about one third of the distance from Hackney-wick, his body being in the six-foot way. How he laid can have little effect, for whoever committed the murder had no doubt given the fatal blows before Mr. Briggs was out of the train; and I think it right to tell you that if Mr. Briggs jumped out in consequence of the assault committed on him the person assaulting him was guilty of murder. For a little time nothing was known of the murder, but on the Monday the chain was taken to Mr. Death and exchanged for another chain and a ring. At that time there was some question about a hat. Every effort was made to trace the murderer. The prisoner went to America. In his box were found the watch of Mr. Briggs and a hat which had been cut down, and the chain is traced to him. There is no direct evidence that the cut down hat was Mr. Briggs's (and a hat said to be Muller's is found in the carriage), but these are not separate links in a chain they are distinct circumstances, and stand on separate and distinct grounds, and if any one of them is made out to your satisfaction it is sufficient. As to the watch and chain. On Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, the chain is changed with Mr. Death for another by prisoner. He pawns the second chain on Wednesday. Then, you say, there was the watch; it was found in the prisoner's box. It is for you to say how he came into possession of the watch and chain. You will have to ask yourselves if prisoner had the watch and chain on Monday morning. If he had, the evidence is he separated them. He had the chain valued by Mr. Death for £3 10s., and exchanged it for another. He would not take a chain worth £3 15s., but took one for £3 10s. and a ring valued at 5s. There is evidence he said he bought the chain and ring at the docks; he says nothing of the watch. He said to one party that he had the ring sent him by his father, to another he said he bought it. He has never said he bought the watch and chain in the docks. In America he said he had had the watch two years. The statement in London was he bought the chain and seal at the docks. I come now to a question to which I wish to call the attention of Brother Parry. I understood him to state he bought the watch and chain at the docks, that he has swore that. The transaction is not quite right, and that any awkwardness in his statements might thus have been accounted for, and that instead of committing the murder on Saturday, he bought the watch and chain on the Monday in the docks. A robbery committed on Saturday, and the property found on the Monday morning was not quite so near as if the Saturday evening and Monday morning followed each other, but Sunday not being a trading day for honest purposes it was the same as if the robbery took place on Monday night, and the property was found on Tuesday morning. These things were found in Muller's possession, part on the Monday, part afterwards. I next come to the h

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN INDIA, 1864-65.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN INDIA FOR THE YEAR, FROM 1st MAY 1864 to 30th APRIL 1865.

Local Government and Administrations.	Military.		Civil Buildings.		Agricultural.		Communications		Miscellaneous Public Improvements.		Total.		Establishments.	Loan of Supplies	State outlay on Railways.	Total Imperial Estimate.	
	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.				1864-65	1863-64.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Madras	109,777	12,132	80,445	15,087	71,190	108,528	62,698	110,234	4,144	3,023	319,164	250,000	127,303	10,000	19,428	725,895	678,615
Bombay	134,035	40,000	41,385	22,214	48,481	40,385	179,213	61,385	373,718	1,016	776,782	165,000	148,701	8,844	171,000	1,270,330	1,328,852
Bengal	31,727	25,920	98,970	35,500	41,598	25,750	137,735	68,720	...	1,110	310,800	155,000	110,000	...	47,164	622,164	608,114
N. W. Provinces	109,223	41,923	70,567	19,778	58,212	37,426	148,207	70,877	...	...	481,869	170,000	122,471	...	44,760	723,045	638,343
Punjab	102,760	21,608	45,760	9,484	55,431	21,296	114,156	65,385	7,116	385	525,223	118,158	121,619	...	21,400	536,400	567,038
Oudh	43,552	10,088	27,892	3,412	...	...	73,031	18,671	...	480	144,475	32,651	30,127	...	12,747	220,000	220,000
Central Provinces	89,082	7,400	24,866	3,805	...	30	135,553	15,890	...	20	199,598	27,145	62,257	1,000	5,000	295,000	293,665
British Burmah	62,297	10,000	42,879	5,300	2,836	850	31,198	8,200	25,190	650	164,500	25,000	32,500	...	...	220,000	197,500
Hyderabad	38,598	4,200	6,783	1,630	...	...	28,885	2,100	...	...	69,266	7,630	13,104	...	...	90,000	92,679
Straits Settlements	4,725	1,424	8,568	2,021	765	210	2,524	2,385	9,387	321	25,909	6,311	7,780	...	...	40,000	40,000
Minor Administrations*	4,800	488	16,095	2,228	90	70	19,805	1,910	1,800	...	42,590	4,691	5,219	...	...	52,500	37,810
Reserve at disposal of Government of India	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,523
	672,276	176,180	464,147	118,154	278,823	232,544	928,015	425,697	421,855	7,011	2,759,316	959,586	791,084	19,844	321,499	4,851,329	4,846,139
	848,456		582,301		506,067		1,353,712		428,866		3,718,902		Loss by rate of Railway exchange			256,900	294,600
							2,288,145						Grant from one per cent. Income Tax Fund.			250,000	280,000
													Total... ...			5,358,229	5,420,739

* Ajmere, Rajpootana Agency, India Agency, Coorg, Settlement of Fort Blair.

Report by Major G. Chesney, Accountant General, Public Works Department.

A copy of the foregoing estimate of Public Works expenditure in India was submitted to Government with my letter No. 166 of 23rd June 1864. The late date of its preparation was due to the non-submission in proper time of the Bombay estimate, which was not received here till the 6th of June 1864, and the orders on which were not passed by the Government of India till the 16th of June 1864.

2. But the detailed orders on those estimates of the other Governments and Administrations which were received in proper time, upon which orders the entries in the foregoing general estimate are based, were not all issued by the commencement of the official year. The provincial estimates are due on the 1st February, and most of them were punctually submitted, but they were based on the approximate allotment of grants made in Public Works Circular No. 63 of the 28th December 1863, and the final grants were not announced by the Financial Department until the 7th of April 1864. The final grants exceeded the approximate grants notified in December 1863 by £704,339, of which £300,000 of this additional sum being given specially for the construction of new Military buildings, and £404,339, as a special grant to Bombay; and this difference necessitated the recasting the whole of the estimates in this Office, a work involving much time and labour.

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12. Turning now to the estimate of the present year, the following statistics may be of interest:—

13. Table A shows the grants for expenditure under the direct administration of the Public Works Department for the six years commencing from 1858-59.

TABLE A.

Grants for Public Works from 1858-59 to 1863-64, exclusive of the allotments for State Expenditure on guaranteed enterprize.

Local Government and Administrations.	Actual Expenditure. 1858-59.	1859-60.	1860-61.	1861-62.	1862-63.	Original Allotment by Local Govt. in Budget Estimate. 1863-64.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Madras	1,127,803	1,067,782	1,188,792	1,064,681	1,064,574	1,064,574
Bombay	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,001,000
Bengal	140,000	200,445	200,445	200,445	200,445	200,445
N. W. Provinces	1,176,000	1,176,000	1,176,000	1,176,000	1,176,000	1,176,000
Punjab	1,064,000	1,064,000	1,064,000	1,064,000	1,064,000	1,064,000
Central Provinces	184,000	184,000	184,000	184,000	184,000	184,000
British Burmah	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
Oudh	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
Hyderabad	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
Straits Settlements	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
Minor Administrations	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
Total	5,358,803	5,427,227	5,550,237	5,397,126	5,397,019	5,397,019

14. It will be observed that the expenditure during the last two years is at the rate of about a million sterling more than that of the first four years. Of this increase, half a million has been obtained by annual vote, and the rest by the smaller provinces; the grants to Madras, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab have remained at nearly the same figure throughout.

15. Table B shows the distribution of the allotments for works, between original works and repairs, for the last three years. It will be observed that the expenditure on repairs has increased at the rate of £45,000 a year, but some increase is a necessary consequence of the yearly additions made to the finished roads which have to be maintained. Also a large part of the army is still housed in the temporary barracks constructed after the mutiny, the cost of keeping which in repair will increase yearly so long as they are maintained.

TABLE B

Shows grants from Imperial Funds for Original Works and Repairs from 1862-63 to 1864-65, exclusive of the allotments for State Expenditure on guaranteed enterprize.

Local Governments and Administrations.	Original Works. 1862-63.	Original Works. 1863-64.	Original Works. 1864-65.	Repairs. 1862-63.	Repairs. 1863-64.	Repairs. 1864-65.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Madras	290,000	290,000	290,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Bombay	120,000	120,000	120,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Bengal	60,000	60,000	60,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
N. W. Provinces	85,000	85,000	85,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Punjab	145,000	145,000	145,000	29,000	29,000	29,000
Central Provinces	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
British Burmah	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Oudh	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Hyderabad	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Straits Settlements	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Minor Administrations	54,000	54,000	54,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Total	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,001,000	312,000	312,000	312,000

16. At the same time there can be no doubt that unless the estimates for repairs are very strictly scrutinised, their tendency will be to increase unduly, and funds will be diverted to them, which might be more profitably devoted to new works. On this point, the information given in Table C below will be interesting:—

TABLE C

Showing the expenditure incurred on repairs from Imperial Funds for 1862-63, as compared with the allotments proposed in the provincial estimates and those granted by the Government of India.

Local Governments and Administrations.	Actual Expenditure. 1862-63.	Original Allotment by Local Govt. in Budget Estimate. 1863-64.	Amount passed in Budget Orders.	Remarks.
	£	£	£	
Madras	228,893	228,893	228,893	
Bombay	158,831	106,107	158,831	
Bengal	125,972	142,960	125,972	
N. W. Provinces	130,000	130,782	130,000	
Punjab	124,815	132,853	124,815	
Central Provinces	23,814	15,000	23,814	
British Burmah	31,000	21,000	20,000	
Oudh	20,000	21,000	20,000	
Hyderabad	7,413	7,412	7,413	
Straits Settlements	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Minor Administrations	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Total	862,738	815,007	849,738	

17. This Table shows the reductions made by the Government of India in the provincial estimates for repairs for 1862-63 and the actual expenditure for that year. Deducting the Bengal estimates and expenditure, since in that Province for some reason unexplained*, the expenditure has exceeded the original estimate by the large sum of £74,000, without authority or report, it will be seen that the original estimates were cut down by the Government of India to the extent of £35,000; and that the expenditure fell short of the reduced sum passed by £38,000. These figures seem to show that there is a tendency to estimate the repairs at a needlessly high figure, that they ought to be carefully scrutinised, and that it is practicable to cut them down considerably. In the present year the reductions made have been—

In Bombay estimate.....	£ 25,893
In N. W. Provinces ditto.....	„ 14,664
In Hyderabad ditto.....	„ 1,370

18. It may be not out of place to notice here that the present form of repairs estimate is not well adapted for the purposes of criticism and check. In fact, it conveys no sort of detailed information, and nothing can be predicated of the items entered in it except whether they are less or more than those of previous years, or than those entered in the estimates of other Governments. In this respect the revised form of Budget Estimate proposed by the Accounts Commission, appears also to be susceptible of improvement, and a proposal for supplementing it by additional details will shortly be submitted, after communication with Messrs. Foster and Whiffin. The expenditure on repairs is so large, (in Madras it takes up nearly one-third of the whole Budget grant,) that it seems very necessary to subject it to the same scrutiny as is bestowed on all other expenditure.

19. Table D shows the distribution of grants for original works for the last three years under the three main heads of Military, Civil (State) Buildings, and Public Improvements of all kinds.

* The matter is now under enquiry.

TABLE D.

Grants for Original Works from 1862-63 to 1864-65, exclusive of the allotments for Railways and other guaranteed enterprize.

Local Governments and Administrations.	Military. 1862-63.	Military. 1863-64.	Military. 1864-65.	Civil Buildings. 1862-63.	Civil Buildings. 1863-64.	Civil Buildings. 1864-65.	Public Improvements. 1862-63.	Public Improvements. 1863-64.	Public Improvements. 1864-65.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Madras	25,700	68,327	100,777	80,445	98,970	70,782	114,121	108,153	229,466
Bombay	166,840	180,714	164,084	41,385	41,385	41,385	490,027	187,880	138,819
Bengal	32,156	31,727	31,727	98,970	98,970	98,970	102,133	140,491	147,579
N. W. Provinces	47,887	47,887	47,887	70,567	70,567	70,567	152,752	107,880	138,572
Punjab	50,000	50,000	50,000	45,760	45,760	45,760	164,603	164,603	204,100
Central Provinces	9,490	17,500	17,500	24,866	24,866	24,866	57,000	57,000	57,000
British Burmah	28,180	50,000	50,000	42,879	42,879	42,879	176,000	176,000	176,000
Oudh	40,000	40,000	40,000	27,892	27,892	27,892	65,654	65,654	65,654
Hyderabad	32,800	32,800	32,800	6,783	6,783	6,783	27,000	27,000	27,000
Straits Settlements	7,000	7,000	7,000	8,568	8,568	8,568	5,000	5,000	5,000
Minor Administrations	2,000	4,200	4,200	16,095	16,095	16,095	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	441,053	530,155	550,175	464,147	482,735	464,147	1,555,290	1,280,661	1,370,189

Grant for Military Buildings	Civil Reserve Fund	Total Grant for original works as per Table B
£	£	£
300,000	...	300,000

20. It may be observed as compared with the grants for 1862-63, those for 1864-65 show an increase, of £334,000 for Military buildings, £210,000 for Civil buildings, and £576,000 for roads, canals, and other works of public improvement.

21. The present high rate of Military expenditure may be expected to continue for at least five or six years more, until the existing barrack accommodation has been brought up to the proper standard of excellence, or new permanent barracks have been everywhere completed.

22. The demand for expenditure on Civil buildings continues to be very great. In some of the districts visited by the mutinies, the work of replacing the buildings destroyed during that time still goes on, while in others, as the Central Provinces, and parts of Oudh, almost the whole of the buildings necessary for the business of the administration have still to be constructed. The demand for work of public improvement is of course practically unlimited.

23. Table E. below shows the grants for establishments during the last four years:—

TABLE E.

Grants for Public Works Establishments from 1861-62 to 1863-64, and the percentage of the allotments for each Establishment on the total Budget grant.

Local Governments and Administrations.	1861-62.	Percentage of Establishment on total Budget grant.	1862-63.	Percentage of Establishment on total Budget grant.	1863-64.	Percentage of Establishment on total Budget grant.	Remarks.
	£		£		£		
Madras	£178,874	4·18	£184,445 (a)	4·30	£319,164	4·18	
Bombay	137,107	4·07	118,018	3·50	776,782	4·07	
Bengal	110,105	3·50	110,189	3·50	310,800	3·50	
N. W. Provinces	100,884	3·50	100,884	3·50	481,869	3·50	
Punjab	90,000	3·50	87,782	3·50	525,223	3·50	
Central Provinces	30,000	3·50	29,100	3·50	144,475	3·50	
British Burmah	28,760	3·50	27,170	3·50	199,598	3·50	
Oudh	30,000	3·50	29,100	3·50	62,257	3·50	
Hyderabad	27,892	3·50	27,892	3·50	62,257	3·50	
Straits Settlements	6,278	3·50	6,278	3·50	15,631	3·50	
Minor Administrations	8,508	3·50	8,508	3·50	39,485	3·50	
Total	781,102	(b) 759,393	749,366	(b) 700,804	3,075,541	3·50	

(a) The amount actually passed in the Budget orders was £190,212. The difference £1,270 represents the estimate of the Sumbulpore Division the amount of which was transferred to the Central Provinces with the transfer of the Sumbulpore District.

(b) The difference per centage between the correspondings one in Table B, is due to the omission from the former of the grant of £3,478 to the Minor Administrations.

TABLE F.

Percentage of Establishment Charges for 1864-65 on Budget Grant.

	Madras.	Bombay.	Bengal.	N. W. Provinces.	Punjab.	Central Provinces.	British Burmah.	Oudh.	Hyderabad.	Straits Settlements.	Minor Administrations.	Remarks.
Direction (including Office charges)	4·18	4·07	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	3·50	
Accounts	·92	·87	·75	·75	·75	·75	·75	·75	·75	·75	·75	
Engineering	7·47	7·86	7·47	8·23	7·47	8·23	7·47	8·23	7·47	8·23	7·47	
Construction Offices	1·80	1·19	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	1·80	
Travelling allowances	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	
Collection and Police	·04	·01	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	
Contingencies	·36	·35	·36	·36	·36	·36	·36	·36	·36	·36	·36	
Percentage of total establishment on Budget grant	18·00	19·62	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	
Establishments from Loans and Contributions	4·38	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	3·08	
Establishments from Ordinary Grants	13·62	16·54	17·11	16·58	17·11	16·58	17·11	16·58	17·11	16·58	17·11	
Total	18·00	19·62	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	19·66	20·19	

The expenditure for guaranteed enterprize has been deducted from the grants before preparing this Table. Also, in the case of the Bombay Presidency, from the establishments from Ordinary Grants, the amount of each charge has been deducted from the grants before preparing this Table. Also, in the case of the Bombay Presidency, from the establishments from Ordinary Grants, the amount of each charge has been deducted from the establishment charges for 1861-62 to 1863-64, and the percentage of the allotments for each Establishment to total Cost of year on the total Budget grant.

TABLE G.

Proportion of Cost of different Branches of Establishment to total Cost of year 1864-65.

	Madras.	Bombay.	Bengal.	N. W. Provinces.	Punjab.	Central Provinces.	British Burmah.	Oudh.	Hyderabad.	Straits Settlements.	Minor Administrations.	Remarks.
Direction (including Office charges)	·18	·17	·17	·18	·17	·18	·17	·15	·17	·24	·24	
Accounts	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·04	·12	·12	
Engineering	·32	·33	·31	·33	·31	·33	·31	·31	·31	·47	·47	
Construction Offices	·08	·06	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·08	·10	·10	
Travelling allowances	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·05	·05	
Collection and Police	·02	·01	·02	·02	·02	·02	·02	·02	·02	·04	·04	
Contingencies	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·03	·06	·06	
Total	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	1·00	

24. It will be noticed as a satisfactory feature in this item of charge, that while the total public works expenditure has increased by a million sterling, the expenditure on establishments has, during the same time, increased by only £60,000, and this increase is only apparent. In 1862-63 it was ordered that the practice should be abolished of charging miscellaneous petty and temporary establishments in the accounts of works, and that they should be exhibited directly in the estimates and accounts under the head of establishments. The change appears not to have been carried out in Madras and it is believed that the actual charges in that Presidency are considerably higher than the figures set down in the Tables. I am not able to speak certainly as to Bombay, but I believe that in every other part of India, the new rules are vigorously acted upon. The result has been of course an apparent increase of charge, but the advantage of maintaining the principle can hardly be doubted.

25. It will be observed from the Table that Punjab retains its pre-eminence for large establishment charges, but, as is noticed further on, the excess is partly due to the revenue establishments of the Canal Department, a charge peculiar to Punjab and the North-Western Provinces. It may, however, be noticed that the Punjab establishments have been constantly increasing since they were enquired into and reduced in 1862.

26. Next to Punjab come the Central Provinces, but the high precentage is here due to the very large estimate sent up for the Godavery works, which the Chief Commissioner has been asked to reduce.

27. The Bengal estimate is actually for £150,000, but the excess above £110,000 is to be charged to the Local Funds, which in that province are mainly dealt with by the Public Works Department. Taking that portion of the whole imperial and local estimate which is thus dealt with, the percentage of Bengal establishments will be a trifle less than is set down in the Table.

28. The total percentage of establishments on expenditure for all India is 17·59. This head includes (with the exceptions stated in para. 24) every description of charge that can come under the term excluding indeed only mere day labourers, and it will probably not be too much to say generally as the result of careful enquiry into every branch of them, that it would be impossible to bring them down lower and maintain efficiency under the present distribution of work. It is only by an alteration in the mode of that distribution that further economy is possible; the very moderate charges in Oudh are due to a large part of the expenditure taking place at Military stations, were a small establishment can supervise a large outlay, while the Civil expenditure is concentrated upon a few large works. The secret of moderate establishments is unquestionably to be found in concentration of works, a fact that cannot be too often insisted on. Still there are places where such concentration is impossible, as for instance, where the land revenue is dependent on the maintenance of a number of petty irrigation works; and it would obviously be mistaking the means for the end to press the point too far, and to adapt works to establishment instead of the establishment to works.

29. The low rate of establishment charges in British Burmah appears to be, to a certain extent, due to a favourable distribution of works, but principally to the high rates of labour and material, which raise the cost of work and diminish correspondingly the apparent cost of establishment.

30. Indeed, in considering the reduction of establishment charges which has been effected of late years, the share due everywhere to this cause must in fairness be taken into account. If rates are doubled, the out-turn of work for a given expenditure will of course be reduced by one-half, and the relative cost of supervision compared with the quantity of work may be actually increasing, while the actual charge as struck by a percentage appears to decrease.

31. It is true that the rates of pay for establishment will certainly vary with a general rise of prices as well as every thing else, but then the variation will be in a much less degree than that of the wages of labour.

32. To determine the amount by which the apparent reduction of establishments ought to be modified by the rise of prices, is of course impracticable. It appears certain, however, that a large allowance would have to be made on this head in the western part of India, and a certain allowance everywhere. Still, as was before observed, a detailed enquiry into establishments with reference to their actual employment would appear to show that generally they are on as low a scale as is proper. Certainly the opinion of local authorities would appear to be that they are too low, and continual demand is raised to extend them from every part of the country. But all State Establishments are an undoubted evil, albeit a necessary evil, and there can be hardly any question of the soundness of the policy which seeks to keep these down to the lowest possible point.

33. The subject of establishment charges is so important, that it may be useful to insert here the following Tables F and G, showing how the charges for the year are relatively distributed:—

(a) Does not include £4,255 on account of Establishment of control for Irrigation Company; the grants for guarantees enterprize having been omitted from this Table.

(b) Includes additional grants and modifications made during year.

TABLE H.

Distribution of charges for Contingencies on the different branches of Establishment.

Local Government and Administrations.	Percentage of Contingencies on Budget Grant.	Estimate for Contingencies. Direction.	Construction.	Contingencies.	Total.	Total of Budget Estimate, including State outlay on guaranteed enterprize.	Total for Public Works, including Establishments, Contingencies, Repairs, and Guaranteed enterprize.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	£	£
Madras	·36	10,200	14,413	600	25,213	880,000	3,473,363
Bombay	·36	10,362	48,619	2,500	61,072	1,009,530	
Bengal	·36	10,362	43,560	20,000	64,396	545,000	
N. W. Provinces	·36	10,362	47,888	1,500	59,750	664,500	
Punjab	·36	10,362	40,296	1,500	52,158	990,000	
Central Provinces	·36	7,940	7,940	1,500	17,380	239,000	
British Burmah	·36	10,362	10,060	2,400	22,822	297,254	
Oudh	·36	10,362	8,340	2,400	21,102	99,000	
Hyderabad	·36	10,362	7,700	6,000	24,062	82,000	
Straits Settlements	·36	10,362	2,400	1,500	14,262	32,000	
Minor Administrations	·36	10,362	1,700	500	12,562		
Total		1,00,762	2,93,555	43,900	4,37,305	5,473,363	17·59

34. The comparison afforded by a Table of this kind must, however, be necessarily imperfect, as has already been remarked so long as the rule is not maintained of showing all establishment charges as such in the estimate. It is believed that the Madras rate appears lower than the actual rate from this omission.

35. The high charge for Direction in Madras is due to the large staff of Superintending Engineers maintained there, and also to the fact that the audit of the accounts is conducted in the Superintending Engineers' Offices. This also explains the small charge for the accounts branch, which has heretofore been charged with the merely mechanical duty of registering the bills of the Superintending Engineers, and can, in no sense, be said to be an Office of audit or control except as regards establishment charges.

36. The percentage for Bombay will be subject to modification hereafter. The total estimate includes the grant allowed on behalf of the Imam part Removal Works, while the estimate for establishments includes only those which are employed on the ordinary public works. It is known, however, that considerable establishments have been engaged for the works under the Rampart Removal Commitee, regarding which the particulars are not known, but which will certainly increase the actual percentage beyond the figure shown in the Table.

37. The explanations given in paragraph 35 regarding the small charge for the Accounts Office at Madras, apply also to the Accounts Office at Bombay. As soon as these two offices take up the functions of audit and accounts in a complete way, the charges will necessarily increase; but in Madras a corresponding reduction will be possible in the charges under direction of the Superintending Engineers' Offices.

38. The high percentage of Punjab 21·53 is explained by the special charge of 1·37 for establisments employed in collection of Canal Revenue, as has been already noticed.

39. A reduction of 66 from the North-Western Provinces rate on the same account brings down the charge there to the moderate figure of 18·70.

40. The Oudh and British Burmah Establishments have already been noticed.

41. The charge under head Construction in Hyderabad is particularly small; in fact there is no province in India with so weak an engineering staff. But the charge for the Accounts Office is very high. These offices will usually be more expensive in small than large provinces because the Controller's salary is distributed over a smaller number of Divisions; still the charge here appears excessive, and calls for enquiry.

42. The charge for the British Burmah Office also appears high; but this mainly arises from the item of Military allowance of the Deputy Controller in charge, who is a Major in the Staff Corps.

43. The great variation in the estimates for contingencies is very noticeable, and as this is a branch of expenditure which may be kept under control by proper management, the subject will repay enquiry.

44. A further detail of the contingencies is therefore given in the following Table showing their distribution among Direction, Construction, &c:—

TABLE H.

Distribution of charges for Contingencies on the different branches of Establishment.

Local Government and Administrations.	Percentage of Contingencies on Budget Grant.	Estimate for Contingencies. Direction.	Construction.	Collection and Police.	Total.	Total of Budget Estimate, including State outlay on guaranteed enterprize.	Total for Public Works, including Establishments, Contingencies, Repairs, and Guaranteed enterprize.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	£	£
Madras	·36	600	25,213	1,850	27,663	880,000	3,473,363
Bombay	·36	2,400	61,072	1,850	65,322	1,009,530	
Bengal	·36	20,000	64,396	1,850	86,246	545,000	
N. W. Provinces	·36	1,500	59,750	1,850	63,100	664,500	
Punjab	·36	1,500	52,158	1,850	55,508	990,000	
Central Provinces	·36	1,500	17,380	1,850	20,730	239,000	
British Burmah	·36	2,400	22,822	1,850	27,072	297,254	
Oudh	·36	2,400	21,102	1,850	25,352	99,000	
Hyderabad	·36	6,000	24,062	1,850	31,912	82,000	
Straits Settlements	·36	1,500	14,262	1,850	17,612	32,000	
Minor Administrations	·36	500	12,562	1,850	14,912		
Total		61,000	2,93,555	18,500	4,73,363	5,473,363	17·59

45. It will be observed that the contingencies for "Direction" and "Construction" in the North-Western Provinces are estimated at nearly Rs 48,000 and Rs. 70,000 against Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 49,000 for similar charges in Bombay. The total charges for contingencies in the North-Western Provinces are equal to those in Madras, Bombay, the Central Provinces, and British Burmah, all taken together. There appears to be a clear case for enquiry here. In Bengal and Punjab also, these charges are exceptionally high, and might usefully be enquired into.

46. The high charges for contingencies in Bengal under "Accounts" are compared with the similar charge in North-Western Provinces, is partly explained by the fact that the Bengal Account Office has to supply printed forms to the Department, which, in the North-Western Provinces, are printed at a Government Press. Still the charge appears needlessly high. The similar charges in Central Provinces and Oudh, Rs. 7,600 and Rs. 6,000, are high; the corresponding item for the much larger Punjab Office being only Rs. 8,750.

47. The Railway estimates, having formed the subject of a separate paper by the Under Secretary, Public Works Department, will not be remarked on here. It may just be noticed that the principal item of charge is for the purchase of land. This item in the case of guaranteed enterprizes, is supplemental to the regular grant made to each province, but the charges incurred for enterprizes, which are not guaranteed, but are to be assisted by a subvention (as the Indian Branch Railway Company), have to be provided for by the Local Government out of its ordinary grant.

48. It may be proper to add that the estimate does not include the charge for interest on guaranteed Railway Capital.

Public Works Estimates from Local Funds.

49. The proposed expenditure under this head can only be stated approximately, as all the provincial estimates have not been received, and some are imperfect. There has been some confusion in the mode of preparing these estimates, from the fact not being apprehended that local taxes are not necessarily taxes for public works, nor local estimates solely estimates for public works; but it may be hoped that the local "public works" estimates will, next year, come up in a more perfect form.

50. The approximate expenditure on this head is shown in Table J below, which also contains a summary of the total estimated expenditure on Public Works in India from all sources during the year 1864-65:—

TABLE J.

Approximate estimated total outlay on Public Works in India during the year 1864-65

(Excluding guaranteed interest and loss by exchange.)

Local Governments and Administrations.	From Imperial Revenue, including State outlay on guaranteed enterprize.	From local Revenues, including grants-in-aid from Income Tax.	Guaranteed outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
Madras	726,000	80,000	874,000	1,680,000
Bombay...	1,270,000	347,000	1,927,000	3,544,000
Bengal	625,000	342,000	339,000	1,563,000
N. W. Provinces ...	729,000	228,000	100,000	1,057,000
Punjab	586,000	190,000	440,000	1,216,000
Central Provinces	295,000	60,000	28,000	383,000
British Burmah ...	220,000	55,000	.....	275,000
Oudh	220,000	50,000	.....	270,000
Hyderabad	90,000	11,000	.....	101,000
Straits Settlements	40,000	.....	.....	40,000
Minor Administrations;	52,000	4,000	.....	56,000
	4,850,000	1,437,000	4,538,000	10,825,000
Add outlay from Foreign Funds to be incurred in Mysore				152,000
Total estimated outlay on Public Works during 1864-65.				10,977,000

51. It will be seen that the total outlay amounts to very nearly 11 millions sterling, of which nearly 5 millions will be disbursed from Imperial Revenues, nearly 1½ millions from Local Revenues, and 4½ millions from Joint Stock Capital, of which the interest is guaranteed by the State.

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APPENDIX I.

Statement explanatory of the difference between the original Public Works grant for 1863-64 (excluding State outlay for guaranteed enterprize) and the final grant as entered in Table A.

Additional Grants made during year.

	Rs.
For Salt works in Punjab, vide Financial Department letter No. 412, dated 22nd January 1864.	3,00,000
For sheds in the Bengal Custom House vide Financial Department letter No. 869, dated 3rd February 1864.	1,00,000
For certain Public Works at Port Blair, vide Financial Department letter No. 632, dated 2nd February 1864. ...	1,00,000
For payment of land taken up for public purposes in the North-Western Provinces, vide Financial Department letter No. 261, dated 16th January 1864...	76,420
Additional grant to Bombay for Public Works, vide Financial Department letter No. 374, dated 28th May 1864.	45,17,267
Additional grant to Bombay for works under the Rampart Removal Committee, vide Financial Department letter No. 516, dated 2nd June 1864.	4,51,259
	53,44,946

AMOUNT TRANSFERRED.

From the Civil Budget Estimate for distilleries in Punjab, vide Financial Department letter No. 4072, dated 27th August 1863	44,500
From the Budget Estimate, Post Office Department, for additions and alterations to Bangalore Post Office, vide Financial Department letter No. 4562 dated 16th September 1863	1,600
From ditto ditto ditto for the construction of a Post Office at Nagercoil, vide Financial Department letter No. 32, dated 5th January 1864	1,009
	47,109
Total additional grants for Public Works during 1863